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TELEGRAMS.

A Singular Battle in Which Both Armies Conquer.

Manteuffel's and Faidherbe's Reports of Their Last Fight.

Opening Fire on the Southern Forts of Paris.

Heroic Defense by the Garrison of Belfort Continued.

BOLDEST CRIME OF THE DAY

Robbery and Probable Murder in an Express Car.

THE WAR IN FRANCE

A Question of Veracity Between Manteuffel and Faidherbe—Hugo Obtains Protection in the Bonapartists—Surprise of a French Force Near Rouen—Bombardment of the South Forts of Paris Begun—Belfort Holds Out.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 5.—Gen. MANTEUFFEL reports that an attack made by considerable masses of the enemy was repulsed near Sognies on Monday with small loss on our side, and a heavy loss to the enemy, including 200 prisoners. On Tuesday Gen. VON GOEBEN, with the Fifteenth Division, victoriously repelled an attack of the Army of the North, near Bapaume. At the end of the last fight the enemy began a retreat which soon became disastrous, to them in consequence of the close pursuit of our cavalry. We have already taken 800 prisoners.

FAIDHERBE'S STORY.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The French Army of the North returned to its department, near Hegelin, after the battle of the 3d inst. Gen. FAIDHERBE, in an order of the day, says:

SOLDIERS: In the battle of Tout Novelles you victoriously held your positions. At Bapaume you carried all the positions of the enemy. This time he will not deny your victory. By your valor and constancy you have deserved well of your country. As soon as we have obtained provisions and ammunition we will continue operations.

SURPRISE OF A FRENCH FORCE.

The Prussians, on the morning of the 4th, surprised and dispersed a French force on the left bank of the Seine, near Rouen, capturing three stands of colors, two cannon and 400 prisoners.

MORE ON THE SAME TOPIC.

Gen. MANTEUFFEL telegraphs from Amiens on the 3d inst., that Gen. BENTHEIM, with troops from the First Army Corps attacked the French early in the morning of that day, (Tuesday,) on the left bank of the Seine, and captured three cannon, three flags and 500 prisoners.

WHAT THE VICTOR SAYS.

Gen. BENTHEIM himself telegraphs from Rouen on the 4th, confirming the above intelligence, and adds that he has pursued the enemy beyond Bourgochard. The battle lasted throughout the day.

SHELLING THE SOUTH FORTS AT PARIS.

VERSAILLES, Jan. 5, via LONDON, Jan. 5.—The bombardment of the Southern forts of Paris commenced at 9 o'clock this (Thursday) morning.

BY PIGEON TO THE CAPITAL.

BERNE, Jan. 5.—The French Government informs the telegraph companies that messages for Paris will be accepted, to be forwarded by pigeons at senders' risk. The charge is ten cents per word, and messages must not exceed twenty words.

BELFORT STILL DEFIANT.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The siege of Belfort continues.

THE WITHDRAWAL FROM DIJON.

Gen. GLUMER, commanding the German forces in the valley of the Seine, reports that he evacuated Dijon in accordance with orders from head-quarters, and reached Vesoul on the 29th ult. He adds that he still holds the passage of the River Seine.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

The Spanish Cabinet—A Corrected List—Seamen Suffocated in the Tyne—Wreck in the Bristol Channel.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—A dispatch from Madrid corrects the former statement of the composition of the Spanish Cabinet, as follows: SERRANO, President of the Council. MARTOS, Minister of Foreign Affairs. ULLOA, Minister of Justice. SERRANOR, Minister of Marine. SAGASTA, Minister of the Interior. ZORRILLA, Minister of Public Works. AYALA, Minister of the Colonies.

SUFFOCATED.

Four sailors have been suffocated by charcoal in the forecastle of an Italian brig, anchored in the Tyne. The vessel herself took fire and was partially burned.

WRECK IN THE BRISTOL CHANNEL.

The ship *S. D. Thurston*, Capt. SNOW, from New-York Dec. 11, was wrecked on the Dash Sands, Bristol Channel, on the night of the 4th inst. The Captain and crew were saved.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—It is said that the British Government has ordered 80,000 Roper rifles.

JAVA.

A Plot in the Dutch-Indian Army to Kill the Governor and Seize the Island.

BATAVIA, Java, Jan. 5, via LONDON.—A plot has been discovered among the Swiss troops in the Dutch-Indian Army to assassinate the Governor-General and seize the island.

MEXICO.

The Cabinet—Illness of Senore Juarez—Municipal Affairs of the Capital—Closing of Congress—Suspended Relations with Foreign Powers to be Resumed—Telegraphic Extension—The Amnesty.

MEXICO, Dec. 20.—Señor IGLESIAS, the Minister of Justice, has resigned, owing to the election and to dissensions in the Cabinet. The wife of President JUAREZ is seriously indisposed, and it is thought she will not recover. Two City Councils, representing the Lerdo and Juarez parties have been elected. JUAREZ has decided that the old Board shall continue in office. The sessions of Congress were brought to a close on the 15th of December, when the President (JUAREZ) made a speech, in the course of which he said that the treaty of commerce and amity between Mexico and Italy had been signed by the latter Power. The Speaker of Congress subsequently remarked that both Congress and the President deem the present a suitable time for Mexico to resume her former relations with foreign Powers, or inform new nations precedent to an interchange of representatives, discussing the probable condition of affairs, and with a view, perhaps, of allaying the apprehensions of the public, the speaker also said that it believed him to deny the truth of the reports in circulation that troubles are expected to arise out of the coming elections....The representatives of the Western Union Telegraph Company are to meet the representatives of the Mexico and Matamoras Telegraph Company, and arrange for a connection of the lines of the former Company with those of the latter. ....The insurrection in Guerrero is waning. The commerce of Mexico with Matamoras and Tampico is increasing, and business has correspondingly revived. The revolutionists, GARCIA and CARENA, have availed themselves of the proclamation of amnesty. Other political offenders are likewise availing themselves of the national clemency, and are restored to their former condition in the State.

VENEZUELA.

Surrender of Maracaibo and the Forts Adjacent—Success of the Blanco Revolt.

CARACAS, Dec. 24.—The surrender of Maracaibo and the forts surrounding the town is confirmed. The navy has surrendered, and now the whole Republic is in the hands of GUZMAN BLANCO, who has hopes of a lasting peace.

THE BOLDEST CRIME YET.

An Express Messenger Shot and His Car Robbed While Crossing the Albany Bridge—Escape of the Robber—The Messenger Fatally Wounded.

ALBANY, Jan. 6.—This evening, just as the 6:30 Boston train started from the Union depot, in this city, to cross the Hudson River Bridge, a man sprang into the American Express Company's car and shot the express messenger, THOS. A. HALPINE, through the neck, in the right eye and in the right ear. The robber then took the keys from the messenger and opened the safe, from which he abstracted $2,000 in bills. He accomplished all this while crossing the bridge, and on arriving at East Albany jumped off the train and made his escape. The crime was not discovered until the train had stood at the East Albany depot some minutes, when the wounded messenger crawled to the door of the car and attracted attention. He was immediately taken to the City Hospital, and, notwithstanding his terrible wounds, was able to converse and to give an account of the robbery. HALPINE resides in this city. His recovery is not considered possible. The robber is described as about 5 feet 10 inches high, wearing a mustache and goatee, and was dressed in dark clothes, and had on a dark cap. The detectives are on the alert, and the early capture of the robber and murderer is hoped for.

THE MIDSHIPMEN'S HOP.

Another Brilliant Affair at the Naval Academy—The Middies in their Glory.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 6.—The annual hop of the first class of the Naval Academy was held this evening at Academy Hall. It is acknowledged to be the most brilliant ever given, excepting, may be, the farewell ball tendered to Mrs. Admiral POWELL a year ago. The ball-room was most tastefully decorated, at least two weeks having been spent in the appointments. The trains from Washington and Baltimore brought in large numbers of beautiful young ladies and handsome young men, friends of the gallant middies. There were at least 300 midshipmen, who, with officers and invited guests, made at least 400 persons in attendance at 10 o'clock. The band struck up the "Marende Promenade March," an hour afterward, and the festivities commenced at midnight. A bountiful supper was partaken of, after which the German began. At this hour—1 A. M.—the midshipmen and their fair guests are in the height of their entertainment.

THE POPE IN BOSTON.

Great Meeting of Catholics in Music Hall—Arguments and Denunciations Against the Occupation of Rome.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 6.—The Catholics of Boston assembled in the Music Hall in large force this evening, to express their sympathy with Pope PIUS IX. in his deprivation of temporal power. Not one-half who sought admission could be accommodated with standing room. PATRICK DONOHUE presided. Right Rev. JOHN T. WILLIAMS, Bishop of Boston, briefly addressed the meeting, explaining why the Catholics should protest against Italian occupation. He claimed that Rome was given to the Pope to govern for the rest of the world, that the poor and weak churches might be assisted from a central point. The Emperors, from the time of CONSTANTINE, contributed to the general fund. That Emperor, retiring from the Holy City, left the Pope as Governor. The successors of St. Peter were established as temporal sovereigns, with the aid of France, at the time of the invasion of the Lombards, more than 1,000 years ago, as the head of the church of the world. Hence Rome was the capital of the world, and the Church had a right to protest. Against its discontinuance as such a formal protest was unanimously adopted. JOHN C. CROWLEY called for the opinion of the entire Church on the Sardinian usurpation of the temporal authority granted by the Christian world to the supreme pontiff for the maintenance of their religion. Italy and the inhabitants of the Pontifical States had no more right to decide the status of the Pope's dominion than the residents of the District of Columbia to settle theirs against the edict of the United States Government. Hon. P. A. COLLINS said the question was not whether 30,000,000 of Italians should have a capital as much as it was whether 200,000,000 of Christians should have a common seat of authority. Rome had occupied but two positions since its foundation—as the capital of the Empire, and as the Mecca of the civilized world. It did not belong to the Romans or to the Italians, and the Pope was justified in not abandoning it and the Church property to robbers. The occupation must cease, for 200,000,000 of Catholics will tender their acknowledged head the homage of their hearts and the strength of their hands. CHAS. T. DONELLY drew a contrast between the modes pursued by DANIEL O'CONNELL, the civil reformer in Ireland, and GARIBALDI, the reputed liberal in Italy, denouncing the latter as a believer in brute force against the sentiment of an age of civilization. THOMAS J. GAUGAN said on the question of education, he could prove by statistics that Rome would show more pupils in her schools, in proportion to the population, than Boston, and more students in her seminaries than were educated at similar institutions in the United States. The meeting was orderly.

Another Catholic Protest Against the Occupation of Rome.

CLEVELAND, Jan. 6.—A gathering of the Catholics took place here today to protest against VICTOR EMMANUEL'S action regarding the Pope. The procession, which was a long one, after marching through some of the principal streets, halted at the Cathedral, where addresses were made in English by a number of prominent priests, and resolutions against the occupation of Rome by VICTOR EMMANUEL were adopted. The German Catholics assembled at the Temperance Hall, in the rear of the Cathedral, where appropriate addresses were made, and similar resolutions were unanimously adopted.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Another Murderous Affray—The Attorney-General's Brief Thrown Out of the Supreme Court—Committed for Trial for Murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—In an affray at Virginia City, State of Nevada, yesterday, a constable, named JOHN BRITTON, was shot twice by a young man named GARRAWAD, a son of WILLIAM GARRAWAD, who was recently appointed private Secretary to Gov. BLADEN. The wounds are supposed to be mortal....In the California Supreme Court, yesterday, an order was filed throwing out of Court the briefs of Attorney-General HAMILTON and J. W. SANDERSON in the railroad cases, on the ground that they were disrespectful to the Court. Surprise is expressed that an Ex-Justice of the Supreme Court and the Attorney-General of the State should file such briefs....MURPHY, who was shot by DENNIS GUNN for the seduction of the latter's sister, having died, GUNN, this morning waived a preliminary examination, and was committed for trial on a charge of murder.

Arrival of New-York Stage at San Francisco—The Chinese Mining Tax—The Amendments to the Constitution on Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—The United States steamer *Sargent* has arrived from Victoria. The American ships *M. Nottebohm* and *Great Admiral* have arrived from New-York.... The case of Sheriff JACKSON, of Trinity County, charged with the violations of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States by collecting a mining tax from the Chinese, has been argued at length on a demurrer in the United States Circuit Court before Judge HOFFMAN, of the District Court, and Judge SAWYER, of the Circuit Court. The defense was conducted by Attorney-General HAMILTON and associate counsel, who claimed that the amendments could not affect local taxation or the administration of justice, as to hold the contrary opinion would imply a complete abolition of State sovereignty. The point made by counsel was taken under advisement, but the demurrer will undoubtedly be overruled. The case will be tried by a jury on Tuesday next.

THE WEST.

Mr. Orville Grant Corrects the Views Expressed in the Morning-Published Letter—Fire in a Boston Hotel—Narrow Escape of the Guests.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—The *Republican* this morning has an account of an interview with ORVILLE GRANT, concerning the charges against Supervisor BLOOMFIELD and Collector JUSSEN, preferred in a private letter telegraphed from Washington to the Cincinnati *Commercial*. While acknowledging that he wrote a similar letter long ago, he expresses regret at its publication, and the injury done to those officers, whom he now exonerates. He says:

When that letter was written I was misinformed and prejudiced against both gentlemen. I have since found that I did not rightly understand the matter at all, and I wrote not long since a letter to the President expressing my regret for having unintentionally prejudiced him against honorable men and good officers. I also, in that last letter, recommended that BLOOMFIELD and JUSSEN be retained in office. Mr. GRANT very frankly apologizes to Mr. BLOOMFIELD and Mr. JUSSEN, whom is regarded here by Republicans as right honorable men, and he also gives a reason that the President's retention of these men in office is so well explained. In reply to a suggestion by the reporter, that the President would be much annoyed by the publication of the letter, Mr. GRANT said: "Yes, of course; he will that; it will annoy him more than my own personal feelings in the matter. My near relation to the President has always, up to this time, kept me out of my mouth in meddling with political matters. As I said before, I am a plain business man, and knew nothing about politics. The President has enough to worry him without having me dragged into public notice. I am very sorry for the thing."

DAYTON, Ohio, Dec. 6.—At about 3 o'clock, this morning, a fire was discovered in the third story of the Beckel House, many guests and boarders were compelled to fly in their night-dresses. The efficiency of the Holly Water-works saved the whole block. Nobody was hurt. The loss is over $10,000. The hotel is to be closed for repairs.

NEPHI, Utah, Jan. 6.—On the 4th inst., coal was discovered three miles south of this city. There are three veins, one seven inches, another two and a half feet, and the third ten feet thick.

THE SOUTH.

Action of Railroad Officials on the Recent Accident in Tennessee—Disasters on the Mississippi.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 6.—The officers of the various railroads here, after investigating the late railroad accident, publish a card exonerating the officers of the road from all blame, as the breaking of the axle could not have been foreseen. All the wounded are doing well, and it is believed they will recover. Another accident occurred to the express train for New-Orleans, on the Mississippi Central Railroad, south of Grenada, last night, caused by running off the track. The engine and three cars were smashed. LOUIS MARBLE, the engineer, was severely, and probably fatally injured; the fireman was also injured, but none of the passengers were hurt....During the term of the Circuit Court just ended, fifteen persons have been sentenced to the Penitentiary, the aggregate of whose terms is seventy-eight years; and one man, named HORACE CRAWFORD, convicted of murder, has been sentenced for life.

CAIRO, Ill., Jan. 6.—The steamer Bancola brings intelligence of the sinking of the *H. S. Turner* near Island No. 16, on Wednesday night. She struck a hidden obstruction, supposed to be a sunken flat, and lies near the shore, badly twisted, with water up to her boiler-deck. No lives were lost, but the cargo, consisting chiefly of sugar, is a total loss. Capt. RUSH thinks she can be raised. The tow-boat *Sam Parker* and barges, with 1,700 bales of cotton for Cincinnati, is lying at Island No. 26 with a broken shaft.

General Term Supreme Court Fourth Department.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 6.—At the General Term of the Supreme Court, the cases on the calendar today, Nos. 23, 25 and 28, were argued. No. 131 was exchanged for No. 30 and argued. No. 29 was reversed by default. No. 31 is still on argument. The calendar for Monday, the 9th of January, is as follows: Nos. 32, 33, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42.

Death of Dr. Wesley Smead at Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—Donations to the Widows' Home in Cincinnati.

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Dr. WESLEY SMEAD died in this city to-night. He celebrated the seventieth anniversary of his birthday at the Morgan House, two weeks ago, on which occasion he gave $5,000 to the Widows' Home in Cincinnati, making $37,000 he has given to that institution in all. He has also given liberally to charitable institutions in this city. He was the author of several valuable works. He was well known in the West, and also in business circles in New-York City.

Weather Report.

SUMMIT MOUNT WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—At 7 P. M. the barometer showed 28.020, being a change since last report of minus .05. Thermometer 11° above zero. Relative humidity, 80. Wind, west. Velocity of wind, sixty-one miles per hour. Today the clouds in the mountains have been so dense that an object not five yards distant could not be seen. The thickness of the frost on the building has reached three feet on an average. We noticed a snow flake this morning of a hitherto undescribed form.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

The Massachusetts Senate—Message of the Governor of Indiana—Successor to Senator Norton, of Minnesota.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 6.—The Massachusetts Senate has elected Rev. J. W. FOLJAMBE, of Malden, Chaplain.

INDIANA.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 6.—The Legislature met in joint convention this afternoon to hear the Governor's Message, which is very long, and relates principally to State matters. Referring to the State debt, the Governor says that the financial condition of the State, so far as the liquidation of the foreign indebtedness is concerned, is most satisfactory. The domestic debt of the State, including $3,351,136 15 of non-negotiable bonds given to the School Fund, is $5,976,201 15. There being no further need for an agency at New-York, or for the Board of State Debt Sinking Fund Commissioners, the Governor recommends that both be dispensed with immediately, and says there will be no injustice or impropriety in requiring holders of the few remaining certificates to receive their money at the State Treasury. The Wabash and Erie Canal debt is then referred to at great length. He recommends an amendment to the Constitution, declaring that an act of the Legislature shall ever take effect or become a law, whereby the canal stocks shall be recognized as a debt of the State until such act shall have been ratified at a special election for that purpose. The Governor also calls attention to the glaring defects in the present laws for the assessment and taxation of railroads, through which great injustice is done to the State and to the owners of other kinds of property subject to taxation, and repeats a recommendation made to the last General Assembly, that provision be made for taxing the shares and stock in national and other banks for municipal purposes, as other property is taxable.

MINNESOTA.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 6.—Col. J. P. STEARNS has been nominated for the short term in the United States Senate, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Senator NORTON.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 5.—The House and Senate adjourned today until Monday, after hearing Gov. MCCLURG'S Message read. Gov. MCCLURG'S Message congratulates the people on the present prosperous and peaceful condition of the State; says the recent revolution of the ballot-box is creditable to the people; asserts that there was no organized party or faction opposed to any of the constitutional amendments recently voted, and believes there will be no trouble in the future, if those in power will promptly punish those who may attempt to disturb the so adjusted peaceful relations.

Another Man Blown to Pieces in the Hoosac Tunnel—Explosion of a Dynamite Cartridge.

STEBBINGTON, Mass., Jan. 6.—JOSEPH T. BUDLOR, a Frenchman, was blown to pieces in the Hoosac Tunnel, last night, by the premature explosion of a dynamite cartridge.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—The bark *Laura Maria*, from Liverpool, still remains ashore at Tinicum, and will have to discharge part of her cargo of salt. The brig *Lucinda Minot* is reported capsized at Reedy Island.

BOSTON, Jan. 6.—JOSEPH BOWDICH, a young man of Quincy, shot himself dead, last night....TREMONT RUNYAN, aged forty, cut his throat fatally, today, in Lowell.

Meteorological Record.

The following is the Signal Service report of the state of the weather and wind last night, Friday, Jan. 6, at 11:30 o'clock:

Place of Observation.	Barometer corrected for Temperature.	Thermometer.	Relative Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Force of the Wind.	State of the Weather.
Augusta, Ga.	30.46	41	..	..	Calm.	Clear.
Baltimore	29.86	40	80	N. W	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Buffalo	29.11	18	70	N. W.	Gentle.	Fair.
Charleston	30.05	52	..	N.	Very brisk.	Clear.
Cheyenne	28.22	46	46	W.	Brisk.	Fair.
Chicago	29.24	28	70	W.	Very gentle	Clear.
Cincinnati	29.39	31	74	N. W.	Gentle.	Clear.
Cleveland	29.12	24	76	N. W.	Gentle.	Cloudy.
Detroit	29.22	16	76	N.	Very gentle	Cloudy.
Key West	30.10	66	74	W.	Gentle.	Clear.
Lake City	30.11	39	..	N.	Gentle.	Clear.
Milwaukee	29.34	11	76	N. W.	Gentle.	Clear.
Mobile, Ala.	30.22	47	..	..	Calm.	Clear.
St. Paul	29.46	2	..	..	Calm.	Clear.
New-York	29.99	31	76	N. W.	Gentle.	Clear.
Omaha	29.11	26	68	S.	Brisk.	Clear.
Oswego	29.62	18	76	N. E.	Very brisk.	Clear.
Philadelphia	29.97	33	76	N. W.	Gentle.	Clear.
Rochester, N.Y.	29.17	18	76	N.	Very brisk.	Clear.
Savannah	30.16	51	76	N. W.	Gentle.	Clear.
St. Louis	29.40	22	76	..	Calm.	Clear.
St. Paul	29.12	1	76	N.	Very gentle	Clear.
Toledo	29.23	20	76	W.	Gentle.	Clear.
Washington	29.67	34	76	N. W.	Brisk.	Clear.
Wilmington, N.C.	30.17	48	..	..	Calm.	Clear.
Norfolk, Va.	30.06	38	76	N. E.		

Barometer corrected for elevation and temperature.

OBITUARY

Dr. A. W. Mack, of Illinois.

Dr. A. W. MACK, whose death was announced in the TIMES of yesterday, was one of the notable men of Illinois. He was born at Moretown, Vt., in 1822. After having received a good business education, he started for the West before attaining his sixteenth year. He settled at Kalamazoo, Mich., and immediately commenced the study of medicine. When twenty-two years old he graduated at La Porte, Ind., where he remained for some time, and there he married his first wife. From La Porte he went to Schoolcraft, Mich., and very soon thereafter returned to Kalamazoo County where he commenced to practice as a physician. He remained there for about thirteen years, and then removed with his family to Kankakee. He was one of the very earliest settlers in that county, and he has since been more or less identified with its interests. In Kankakee he commenced to practice law, and for some time he became an occasional contributor to the editorial columns of one of the local journals, then edited by Mr. CHESTER. Here, too, commenced his long career as a member of the Legislature, with which he was connected for fourteen years. After the outbreak of the war, Dr. MACK, while still a member of the Senate, organized the Seventy-sixth Regiment, of which he became Colonel, and with which he accompanied Gen. BANKS' army to Red River. He remained in the army for a year, and returning to his seat in Congress at a very important crisis, he did signal service to the Republican Party. In 1865 Dr. MACK went to Chicago, where he started the Chicago *Republican*, with Mr. C. A. DANA as editor-in-chief. Upon Mr. DANA'S withdrawal from that paper Dr. MACK assumed the editorial management for a time. His editorial career was a brief and not very successful one, and he subsequently went into the practice of law in the same city.

Gen. Charles S. Lovel.

Gen. CHARLES S. LOVEL, of the regular army, died in Louisville, Ky., on Tuesday morning. Gen. LOVEL was born in Massachusetts, in the neighborhood of Boston, and was fifty-eight years of age. He joined the army when young, and was distinguished for his bravery. He went through the war in Mexico, and was promoted for gallantry, and in the war of the rebellion he rendered valuable service. After its close he commanded the post of Nashville. He married a daughter of Gen. ARMSTRONG in 1845. He contracted the disease from which he died in California, while commanding Fort Yuma.

Hudson River Pirates—Examination at Newburg.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEWBURG, N. Y., Friday, Jan. 6, 1871.

The startling reports of extensive depredations along the Hudson River, published last Summer, were regarded by some as "pure fabrications," until two murderers and several robbers were arrested. It has since been satisfactorily shown to the most skeptical that a regularly organized gang of river pirates was in successful operation along the river towns and villages, and samples of their work were the Dold Spring murder, the Newburg murder and robberies, the Poughkeepsie and smaller town operations. Recently the Newburg and New-York Police made a number of important additional discoveries, and arrested HUGH FRENDERGAST, a notorious desperado, in Newburg; and today the trial in the case, before Acting Recorder MILLIGAN, was commenced. Hon. S. W. FULLERTON, District-Attorney of Orange County, appeared for the people; and SAMUEL E. DIMRICK, Esq., for the accused. Only two witnesses were examined. Their testimony was of little interest in importance, and the case was adjourned to to-morrow evening.

THE EPIPHANY.

The Twelfth-Day Services in Some of the Churches Yesterday—Imposing Ceremonies.

Yesterday was what is known as "little Christmas," "Twelfth Day," "the Epiphany," and the "Feast of Lights"—all of them expressions indicating the same event, namely, the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles at his circumcision. In Catholic countries it is celebrated with great pomp and show, and in Catholic churches everywhere, and in some of our ritualistic Protestant churches the services connected with the feast are equally imposing. The altars are lighted most brilliantly, with candles and tapers, not to give light to the house, but to symbolize the infant Redeemer, who "came a light into the world that whosoever believeth in him should not walk in darkness." The effect of such illumination upon the evergreen Christmas dress of the churches is very imposing.

In St. Luke's Church, Hudson-street, Rev. Dr. TUTTLE, rector, the Epiphany was observed last evening with a good deal of the pomp peculiar to the Roman Catholic Church. The altar was handsomely illuminated and decorated with flowers and evergreens. Rev. Dr. TUTTLE and Rev. W. CORWIN officiated. The sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. LEMBY from Matthew, second chapter, sixth verse:

"And thou, Bethlehem, in the land of Judea, art not the least among the princes of Judea; for out of thee shall come a governor, that shall rule my people Israel."

The sermon comprised a review of the history of Bethlehem, ancient and modern, its many Biblical incidents, and a description of its beautiful scenery. It was, he said, the first name lisped in childhood, it first saw the great wonder of the incarnate Deity; it was the "house of bread," as its name indicates, and it has furnished an abundant supply for all mankind, not only in this life, but in the life to come. Bethlehem rose into notice in sacred history as the scene of Rachel's death and burial, whose tomb was pointed out by the Moslems themselves. It was also interesting for the story of Ruth, and possessed historical interest as the birthplace of David. It was here that our Lord was born, which has made the place memorable. The Doctor gave his own impressions of the place during a tour in the Holy Land in 1857. He alluded to the tyranny of the Turkish Government there, and said that the sooner it was overthrown the better. He described the church built by HELENA, the mother of CONSTANTINE, over the Grotto of our Lord, which was repaired by EDWARD IV., but which now is in a neglected state. After a description of the Grotto, he urged them not to decide the birth-place of Christ, but to follow the guiding star of Emanuel to his kingdom in Heaven.

After the conclusion of the sermon, Rev. Dr. TUTTLE made an appeal to the congregation for funds for the foreign mission, which was responded to by a collection.

In Zion P. E. Church, Madison-avenue and Thirty-eighth-street, a similar service was held, but with somewhat greater pomp and show, last evening. There was a full service of evening prayer, anthems, hymns and sermon. The sermon was very long.

In the Catholic Church of Epiphany, on Second-avenue, near Twenty-first-street, solemn high mass was celebrated at 10½ A. M., with music composed for the occasion, by the organist, GIOVANNI ABBRIA. The soloists were Mrs. TRADWAY, soprano; Mr. SAYRES, contralto; Mr. ALVES, tenor; Mr. D'HARLEZ, basso. The officiating clergymen were Rev. Mr. LOUGHRAN, celebrant; Rev. Mr. BERNAN, deacon, and Rev. Mr. BYRNE, sub-deacon. The Pastor, Rev. Dr. BERNARD, delivered an admirable discourse on the "Doctrine of the Trinity," after which there was an exposition of the Forty Hours' Devotion.

POLITICAL.

The Grant Club of the Fourth Assembly District.

The Grant Campaign Club of the Fourth Assembly District met, last evening, at No. 102 East Broadway, Capt. CHARLES N. BRACKETT, President, in the chair. About 150 names of prominent Republicans in the district were added to the roll, and the Club was announced to be in a flourishing condition. A committee was appointed to take action regarding the furnishing of the room, and it was resolved to hold weekly instead of monthly meetings, commencing with next Monday. This Club and the Union Republican Association of the district are now acting harmoniously, and will continue to meet together.

New Grant Club in the Ninth Assembly District.

At a meeting of the Republicans of the Ninth Assembly District, held at Bleecker Buildings, last evening, a Grant Campaign Club was formed, with the following gentlemen as officers: James Cummings, President; W. H. Corse and Geo. E. Kasmire, Vice-Presidents; Samuel B. Lake and Jno. Ross, Jr., Secretaries; John Campbell, Treasurer; Messrs. Eaglesoh, Thayer, Homemeier, Carpenter, and Campbell were appointed to draft constitution and by-laws, and rules of order, and to select delegates to a central club. The meeting then adjourned to meet next Friday evening.

The German Lyceum.

The Fortbildungs Verein, a German literary association, whose head-quarters are located at No. 816 West Thirty-third-street, has issued an annual report of its operations, from which it appears that the organization is composed of 122 members and three honorary members. During the past year thirty-four lectures were delivered before the Society by prominent men. The library was increased by 212 volumes, and now numbers 1148 volumes. The lecture-room is also supplied with fifteen foreign journals and monthly publications, devoted to politics, mechanics, science, natural history and literature. A branch Society was formed to raise funds in aid of the wounded soldiers in Germany, which succeeded in obtaining $628. The receipts of the Society during the past year amounted to $3,380; the expenses were $2,625, leaving a surplus of $204. The Society has been in existence since 1863.

The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: President, Dr. LIMPERT; Vice-President, Dr. ED. HERTCHEL; Recording Secretary, ADOLPH PLATT; Corresponding Secretary, MAX ESSIG; Treasurer, HERMANN RICHTERING; Librarian, JUL. SMITH; Finance Committee, GUSTAVE REHRS, CHARLES KRAFFT and BERNHARD BERRISCH.

Fire in the Bowery Last Night.

Last evening a fire occurred on the fifth floor of No. 356 Bowery, occupied by B. HOFFMAN, maker of dress trimmings. The loss on the stock by fire and water amounts to $800; insured for $1,200 by the Germania Company. The third and fourth floors are occupied by BONDY & ROCHASKAS, cigar makers; loss on stock by water, $3,500; insured for $15,000 by City companies. The stock and fixtures of Mrs. FENDIS, corset-maker, on the first and second floors, were damaged $300; insured. The building, belonging to a Mrs. HIGGINS, was damaged $800; insured for $7,000.

The Burning of the Steam-Ship De Soto—Loss $125,000.

From the New-Orleans Picayune, Jan. 2.

Since the last issue of the *Picayune*, the steam-ship *De Soto*, one of the finest vessels that sails out of this port, has been destroyed by fire. She had met with a serious accident on Saturday, 24th, (her regular day of departure,) when she collided with a tug that was coming up the river with a tow, losing her bowsprit and cutwater. On Saturday last she was again ready for sea, and cleared at her usual hour, 4 o'clock P. M., with a full cargo valued at $125,000, principally insured in New-York and Boston offices. About 8 o'clock, when the *De Soto* was about twenty miles below the City, a large volume of smoke was discovered issuing from her hold and ventilators, and a man was immediately sent down to investigate the cause, who reported that the ship was on fire aft and abreast her boilers, in the lower hold, on the port side. Steps were immediately taken to check the progress of the flames by battening the hatches, putting the pumps in play, and using other usual methods; but, unfortunately, the fire had gained too much headway, and the flames commenced issuing from both the port and starboard side. The vessel was immediately headed for the shore and run aground on McCall's Flat, twenty-five miles below the city, where she burnt to the water's edge, and is, together with her cargo, a complete loss. The *De Soto* was one of a line of New-York and New-Orleans steamers, established in 1867. She was built in 1869, and was owned by Messrs. LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., of New-York, where she is insured for $150,000, though her probable cost is $250,000. We append her manifest: 707 bales cotton, 140 hogsheads sugar, 1,037 barrels molasses, 943 sacks cotton-seed, 104 bundles raw hides, 47 bales hides and skins, 707 dry hides, 36 bales and bags wool, 68 bales moss, 28 bundles cotton samples, 2 cases merchandise. There were also several passengers aboard, who have returned to the city.

THE RULLOFF TRIAL.

Opening Days' Proceedings at Binghamton.

Jury Obtained and the Case Opened by District-Attorney Hopkins—Startling Facts and Sad Episodes—The Sorrowful Story of an Innocent Boy.

From Our Special Correspondent.

BINGHAMTON, Thursday, Jan. 5, 1871.

The great sensation of the populous and prosperous region of which Binghamton is the centre has become intensified, but in no degree satisfied, by the events of the day. The prisoner, EDWARD H. RULLOFF, charged with the double crime of burglary and murder, has emerged from the obscurity of the jail, where he has hidden for the past four months, and hundreds have eagerly sought to catch even a passing glance of him as he walked over the few rods of ground between his prison and the Court-room, where he is on trial for his life. Even in that room he has been throughout the day the centre of hundreds of curious eyes, for the room has been densely crowded during every moment of the protracted proceedings. Those who achieved the felicity of an entrance into the room—to which many hundreds failed to obtain admission—saw a man far advanced in life, but one who, thanks to art and the remarkable kindness of Sheriff MARTIN, showed few outward signs of age. When dragged from that out-house in the suburbs of the city, in the gray dawn of an August morning, RULLOFF alias Lewis alias Howard was not of a pleasing aspect. He was, indeed, fully dressed, but his clothes bore marks of rough usage, and his demeanor was so disturbed that he looked fully sixty years of age. Now, however, he might be supposed a man of forty-five in excellent preservation. Then his beard was full, straggling, and mixed with gray; but now it is upon the cheeks only, is closely cut, and of a dull brown color. Then his hair was long and unkempt, but now it is of proper length and arranged with scrupulous care. Then his clothes were soiled with recent rough usage, and now the damages inflicted during that desperate epoch in his life have been repaired, and there is no stain in all the audience whose garb more closely adheres to the established standard of respectability. But the man's face, his stature, his general expression, as time or art have changed since the long years ago when he was tried for his life in 1865 in Tompkins County. He is yet the man of small stature, heavy frame, broad, short face, heavy chin, firm mouth, broad projecting brow, heavy eyebrows, hazel eyes, sallow complexion, and large head squarely and firmly set upon his shoulders by a short, thick neck. There is nothing diabolical in his appearance, but a great deal that is fearful and suggestive. To the casual observer this man of an extraordinary career seems only a man of weak character but of proper motives. Keen scrutiny, however, discovers something painfully unpleasant in that massive face. There is not villainy in it, but the possibility of villainy is in the lines of the mouth and the secretive, inquiring eyes. Seen in the ordinary affairs of life EDWARD H. RULLOFF would be taken for a cunning lawyer in small practice, but seen as he is now there is nothing unnatural in his position.

His demeanor throughout the preliminary proceedings of his trial has justified the general opinion of his natural shrewdness, and unmistakably shown the strong interest he takes in his case. He was brought into Court at 9 o'clock, and took his seat with his back to the large audience, but without having been in the least cowed by the concentrated gaze of the multitude during his walk to it. When he had sat down he looked anxiously around. When Judge HOGEBOOM and associates entered a look of dismay overspread his features, which was a moment later intensified when District-Attorney HOPKINS and Attorney-General CHAMPLAIN came in and took their seats. But the next moment a sudden change swept over his face, which was at once illumed with hope and confidence, as his counsel, Mr. GEORGE BECKER, entered, accompanied by Hon. CHARLES P. BEALS, of Hudson, who had been secured to assist in his defense. With the appearance of these gentlemen, the weariesome duties of the day began. The first task was, of course, the selection of a jury, and owing to the great excitement the case has caused through all this region, it was one involving a great deal of time. Everybody had heard and read of the case, had formed and expressed an opinion, so the rigid rule was not adhered to. Judge HOGEBOOM sensibly remarked that in this age of the world it is impossible to find men of any intelligence who have not read the newspapers and learned something of any important case. Juries worth anything must be got from such classes or not at all, and the rule, therefore, must be that when any one summoned as a juror is found to have no settled opinion of the merits of the case, and believes himself to be without bias or prejudice

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

SUBURBAN SKETCHES. By W. D. HOWELLS. New-York: HURD & HOUGHTON. 1871.

These "sketches" have already been published in a popular magazine, but in their collected form they will be welcome to all who admire Mr. HOWELLS' writings—in other words, to all who have a liking for the truest and best literature of the country. The charm of Mr. HOWELLS' style is scarcely inferior to that of HAWTHORNE, and in these papers, slight as they are, he has once more given evidences of power equal to the production of some work which would take a foremost place in American literature. If Mr. HOWELLS would write that novel of New-England life which he has more than once seemed to hint at, the whole world would be his debtor. Talents like his ought to produce something of more permanent value than a few fragmentary magazine articles. His *Venetian Life* and *Italian Journeys* are popular books—but they only create an appetite for more from the same source. Let us hope that we may soon find Mr. HOWELLS in a more ambitious field than that which he fills in the present volume. He could evidently rival, if he did not excel, those exquisite sketches of New-England life contained in Mrs. STOWE's *Old Town Folks* and *Old Town Stories*.

VERSES. By H. H. Boston: FIELDS, OSGOOD & Co. 1870.

The poetry of "H. H." is well known to magazine readers, and most of the pieces in this neatly-got-up little volume have already seen the light in the pages of the *Atlantic*, and other periodicals. The "verses" are from first to last marked by that strongly subjective tendency which is the characteristic of most of the highest thought of our time. It may fairly be questioned whether its pervasive influence is a very healthy one, intellectually considered, and it hardly admits of question at all that its presence will materially diminish the permanence and future appreciation of much that this generation finds superlatively excellent. In yielding to the current which carries with it some of the highest intellect of our time, H. H. evidently yields also to a strong natural bent for the cultivation of that

"harvest of a quiet eye
That broods and sleeps on its own heart."

Hurried readers may pronounce many of these poems enigmatical, and others mystical. To the appreciative mind, they will be found full of that varied and suggestive charm which resides in delicate shades of meaning, ingenious turns of thought, and a subtle, delicate species of melody that, on a first reading, half eludes perception. H. H. has as yet no claim to a place in the foremost rank of our native poets, but, were her muse, instead of microscopically coming over the delicate tracery of the web of human destiny, to undertake to describe some of its broader outlines, we might hope for something more likely to secure enduring fame than the present verses.

REYNARD THE FOX. After the German version of GOETHE. By THOMAS JAMES ARNOLD. With illustrations by WILHELM VON KAULBACH. New-York: THEO. STROEFER. 1870.

This splendid paraphrase of GOETHE's wonderful poem appears in gorgeous binding and beautiful typography, accompanied by KAULBACH's magnificent illustrations to the German original. As an edition *de luxe* the volume before us will rank with the foremost of contemporary publications of a similar character. The poem is at once a vigorous satire and an entertaining history. Men and things are handled with a freedom which to some people may be objectionable, but of its justice and incisive aptness there can be no question. The illustrations are characterized by the same absence of fastidiousness as the text—a distinction which, in spite of the unquestionable genius that animates every line and contour, may render the book somewhat unsuitable for drawing-room tables. By the connoisseur in art, the bibliophile, and the public librarian, the book ought to be welcomed as a veritable gem.

THE DESTROYER OF THE SECOND REPUBLIC—Being NAPOLEON the Little. By VICTOR HUGO. Translated by a Clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal Church. New-York: SHELDON & Co. 1870.

A very well-executed translation of a very remarkable book, many of whose utterances have almost the appearance of prophecy when read in the light of recent events. The frequent intemperance and injustice of M. HUGO's attacks are none the less to be noted now that their object is captive and dethroned, but the general strictures upon the Second Empire receive a justification from its ending which no amount of generosity can ignore.

THE TONE MASTERS—BACH AND BEETHOVEN. By CHARLES BARNARD. Boston: LEE & SHEPARD. 1871.

This is the third volume of a "musical series for young people" issued by the New-England Conservatory of Music. The themes are still more difficult than those dealt with in the preceding volumes, to be made interesting and intelligible to juvenile readers, and it is no slight praise to say that the author has succeeded in fulfilling both these requisites in respect to that grand old musical mystic, SEBASTIAN BACH, and to the transcendental genius of LUDWIG VON BEETHOVEN. A large portion of the paper on the former is occupied with a very instructive account of the various parts and musical capabilities of the organ. For fostering at once musical taste and knowledge in the minds of the rising generation, these volumes cannot be too highly commended.

The Publishing Season.

The publishers have begun the new year with golden promises, and if they fulfill the half of them we may confidently rely on a season of most excellent new books, the works of some of our most valued writers, in rapid succession. For early publication a new volume of essays by JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, is announced. It will have the attractive title of *My Study Windows*, and will include "My Garden Acquaintance," "A Good Word for Winter," "On a Certain Condescension in Foreigners," and several others, some of which have never before been printed, not even in the *Atlantic*. Then OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES is to favor the reading public with something worthy of earnest perusal, if we may judge from the title, "Mechanism in Thought and Morals." And EDWIN P. WHIPPLE, the scholarly and refined Boston essayist, will bring out two new volumes of essays, one on widely differing topics, but all tending to one object—to illustrate the conditions of real success, and to emphasize the contrast between force and feebleness of character,—a book eminently practical, it is promised, and of the first interest and importance to young men;—and the other—on *Literature and Life*, comprising the contents of the volume previously published under the name of *Lectures on Literature and Life*, and new articles on the use and abuse of words, sound conservatism and malignant reform; and critical papers on WORDSWORTH and BETANZ. Also, early in the coming months, WILSON FLAGG will bring out a series of essays on "The Woods and Waysides of New-England," treating them æsthetically and charmingly; DICKENS' remnant of the never-to-be-solved mystery of Edwin Drood, and a large collection of papers not before included in his published works, will be issued; JAMES PARTON's various *Atlantic Monthly* papers will be collected in book form, under the title of "Topics of the Time;" ELIZABETH STUART PHELPS, the far-famed authoress of *Gates Ajar*, will produce a new story, turning on certain points of the "Labor Question," "The Silent Partner;" the second part of BAYARD TAYLOR's translation of Faust will be issued; and three new novels,—two anonymous, and likely to attract a great deal of notice,—KATE FIELDS' *Pen Portraits of Dickens*, enlarged and improved, and several other good things are promised. These will all come from the press of the new house, or more correctly, the old house with the new name, of JAMES R. OSGOOD & Co. Pleasant as is the announcement of books for immediate publication, that of some of the books to come from this truly "teeming press" during the year is quite as attractive. HAWTHORNE's *Italian Journals* are to be published; a new volume of essays by RALPH WALDO EMERSON; a collection of illustrated *Poems of Childhood*, edited by JOHN G. WHITTIER; a poetical hand-book for students and scholars, edited by RALPH WALDO EMERSON, entitled *Parnassus*; if possible the first part of WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT's translation of the *Odyssey*, and several other books. Surely the mantle of TICKNOR & FIELDS has fallen in exactly the proper place.

From Boston other new books are announced from other houses. ROBERTS BROTHERS promise for this month Part IV. of MORRIS' *Earthly Paradise*, "The Winter Period," and completing the work; also, GEORGE SAND'S *The Snow Man*, translated by VIRGINIA VAUGHAN; a volume of *Lectures and Essays*, by Prof. SEELEY, the author of that famous book, *Ecce Homo*; and a book from Rev. JOSEPH PARKER, the author of the follower of *Ecce Homo*,—*Ecce Deus*. This will be entitled *Ad Ofilorum*; *Advice to Young Preachers*.

PERSONAL, POLITICAL, AND GENERAL.

Kentucky is talking about holding a convention to revise its Constitution.

Lieut.-Gov. HOTCHKISS, of Connecticut, declines to be a candidate for re-election.

The Maine State Prison's receipts were $6,000 in excess of the expenditures last year.

Meriden, Conn., has decided to build a soldiers' monument, and wishes to make it the finest in the State.

The steamer *R. E. Lee*, which was sunk in the Mississippi by a collision, has been raised and taken to New-Orleans for repairs.

A clergyman in Quincy, Ill., thinks more of his shot-gun than of any other Christmas present received by him.

The will of the late JAMES REED, bank President, of Boston, gives $10,000 to benevolent associations of that city.

A Chicago paper says that JOHN BOYLE's attempt to shoot his wife, in La Salle, Ill., on Wednesday, was a miserable failure.

HENRY Y. HORTON, who died in Cincinnati on the 2d inst., was the founder of the order of the Sons of Temperance in the West.

A Pennsylvania Democratic paper urges Hon. MICHAEL C. KERR, of Indiana, for the nomination for the Presidency.

HALA DILIGANIAN, of San Francisco, has been fined $5 for assaulting a woman who called her hard names.

California's least achievement is a pear, weight, 4 pounds 6 ounces; circumference 1 foot 7 inches; longitudinal circumference, 1 foot 11 inches; height 8½ inches.

The Knoxville *Chronicle* is publishing a series of interesting articles setting forth the advantages of East Tennessee to the Northerner or immigrant seeking a new home.

Congressman O. H. DOCKERY, of North Carolina, was married in Wilmington on Tuesday night to Mrs. FANNIE SAVILE COVINGTON, of Rockingham County, North Carolina.

Miss LENA LELAND, a young lady residing in Panola, Miss., died very suddenly on Thursday, Dec. 29, just one hour before the time set for her wedding.

A Connecticut paper reports that GORDON W. BURNHAM has recalled the gift of the bust of the late Bishop BROWNELL, which he made to Christ Church, Hartford.

The Louisville *Courier-Journal* appeals to the Democratic Legislature of Kentucky to give the State a registration act which shall be impartial and as strict as it can be made.

SURRATT was advertised to lecture in Richmond, Alexandria and Lynchburg, but failed to appear at the time announced, very little to the disappointment of the few persons assembled.

A Norwich man, who sometimes yields to the fascinations of the flowing bowl, has a faithful dog which follows him constantly, arouses him when he would fain fall asleep in the highway, and compels him to go home.

Hon. WILLIAM A. HARRISON, one of the first Judges of the Supreme Court of Appeals of West Virginia, died in Clarksburg, on the last day of the year, of apoplexy, aged seventy-five years.

Some of the Texas Democrats are making desperate efforts to heal the dissensions in their party, but apparently with little hope of success unless they can throw nearly all their old leaders overboard.

In a lecture in Boston on Monday evening, Rev. JAMES FREEMAN CLARKE gave many pleasant personal reminiscences of the late Gov. ANDREW, who was a member of his congregation.

A Chicago paper estimates that 5,000 ladies received calls in that city on New-Year's Day, and that the average number of calls on each was seventy-five, making the whole number of calls 375,000. And Chicago estimates are always trustworthy.

Sacramento, Cal., papers mention, among the recent passengers from the East, on the way to San Francisco, a Japanese youth, said to be the son of a high dignitary of his native country, accompanied by an American lady, to whom he was recently married.

Canadian papers report that a sharp shock of earthquake, lasting about fifteen seconds, and passing from east to west, was felt on Tuesday night between 6:30 and 6¾. In several villages along the Ottawa between Grenville and Montreal.

Two men were killed by the explosion of a boiler of the ice-boat *Chesapeake* at Baltimore on the 31st ult., and the Coroner's jury have decided that the explosion was "caused by the foaming of the water in the boilers, which deceived the engineer."

SAMUEL F. ANDRUS, the coachman, who was arrested in Hartford, Conn., last week, on complaint, as was reported, of the GRIDLEY family, and taken to Norwalk for trial, has again been discharged, his accusers failing to substantiate their charges.

Our American cities assert their relative superiority on various grounds. For example, the Boston *Transcript* boasts that not a Bostonian has died from small-pox for seven months, while the Philadelphia *Press* boasts that enough Philadelphians died last year to have peopled a good-sized city.

Secretary BOUTWELL says that he cannot redeem any United States securities prior to their maturity, and that he is not authorized to issue new bonds in lieu of those which may have been lost or destroyed by fire or otherwise. Such relief can only be afforded by special act of Congress.

The San Francisco milkmen have formed a union, and resolved, necessity compelling them, that each shall keep a blank-book in which to record the names and residences of delinquent customers, such record to be printed in a circular for their common information and protection every three months.

The ——, always a valuable newspaper, is printed from new type throughout, and is very much improved in appearance in consequence. [The Boston *Advertiser*, Utica *Observer*, Hartford *Times*, Baltimore *Gazette*, and thirty or forty others of our valued exchanges, are requested to fill the blank to suit.]

A man in Norwich, Conn., has taken two seats in a Methodist Church, agreeing to pay $10 to the fund for a new organ, on condition that if he occupies one seat during one service each Sunday for a year, he shall be repaid $10. If he violates the contract in any particular, he is to forfeit $50 to the church.

The Police of New-Haven have arrested a gang of six men who, for nearly a year past, have kept the people of Simsbury, Conn., in a state of terror by their crimes and acts of vandalism. Among their harmful diversions was burning several barns, blowing up a powder-magazine, stripping and robbing a belated traveler, &c. &c.

Hon. JAMES PIKE, the Republican candidate for Governor of New-Hampshire, is a Methodist preacher and presiding elder, a native of Massachusetts, fifty-two years old, and a graduate of the Wesleyan University at Middletown, Conn. He was a member of Congress from 1855 to 1859, and Colonel of the Sixteenth New-Hampshire Regiment during its nine months' term of service.

Ex-Gov. SEYMOUR gave one of his pleasant lectures before the young ladies of the Whitestown Seminary, on Wednesday evening, telling them how to make knowledge conducive to happiness, and urging upon them that as it is better to live in a well-furnished world than a well-furnished house, they should thoroughly inform themselves in regard to the nature and history of the things around them.

What shall be done with ASA KITTLE, the blind boy who murdered his father and mother, is earnestly discussed in Troy and its neighborhood. It has been proposed to appoint a commission to settle the question of his sanity, and the Troy *Times* says the District-Attorney will not probably oppose this very strenuously, and many persons believe that to send the boy to an asylum would be the best disposition that could be made of him.

NOTES FROM THE PEOPLE.

Yale—The Proposed New Dormitory—Some Suggestions from New-Haven.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

We provincial Yalensians, denied the pleasure of reading this year the toothsome list of delicacies furnished heretofore at the annual supper of the New-York Alumni, are consoled by the report that the club-room talk there is upon the subject of putting young Yale into practical and beneficial relations with Alma Mater. The proposition to build a new dormitory, to be called, in honor of its founders, New-York Hall, evinces a disposition on the part of the Alumni of that City to show their faith by their works, and is a source of far more rational enjoyment to us outsiders than swell suppers or even spicy articles upon Dr. PICKERING.

This generous tendency, however, needs, beside encouragement, to be directed into proper channels. Another dormitory for under graduates would, no doubt, be useful and acceptable; but, in view of the near completion of Durfee Hall, it is a question worthy to be considered, whether the proposed edifice should not be devoted to graduates and, more especially, to "fellows." Such a plan would have the element of brick-and-mortar tangibility for the satisfaction of wealthy patrons, and would benefit those who stay more than four years to pursue special courses. The provision of quarters cheap, convenient and attractive would not fail of increasing the number of post-graduate students, and would give them a locality and a *esprit*, and would develop rapidly a higher life and tone in college. The revenue from the rent of a building with forty rooms might be made to furnish five fellowships of $300, as a nucleus for subsequent larger and better foundations.

To keep such a building under the authority of the Alumni, it should be built off of the college, and be put under the charge of trustees appointed by the founders, in a way similar to that of the Peabody Museum. And in order that such an enterprise may not seem sectional in its endowment, and that all friends of the College may have an opportunity of contributing, the new building ought to be called Woolsey Hall, and the proposed fellowships, the Woolsey Fellowships. MAGOG.

NEW-HAVEN, THURSDAY, Jan. 5, 1871.

A Distressing Case.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In a book which is being extensively read at the present moment—*Lay Sermons and Addresses*—Prof. HUXLEY has something to say on the woman question, and he quotes as telling points in the argument, the assertions of some who utterly deny the equality of women and men in those matters which most conduce to the worth and dignity of the human race—patience and submission being among them. He denies the generally received opinions that these are especially feminine attributes; says that it is only of late years that they have been thought to be so, and reminds us that Job was a man. Without entering upon any of the questions which might be raised by the facts, that this single instance of masculine submission which has come down to us was an Oriental, or that, which a more accurate knowledge of Hebrew has revealed, that the words of Job's wife to him were really "Bless God and die," while Job did curse the day of his birth, the writer would only inquire, whether the estimation of Job's patience, it being an almost isolated fact, was worth anything as an argument. No one has proclaimed more fully than Prof. HUXLEY that, to the seeker for general truths, an isolated fact is of no value whatever, and that its quotation, as a proof upon any subject, must be occasioned by either inadvertence or ignorance. That Job has been for many centuries a monument of patience, and the object of popular veneration, would excite no reverence in Prof. HUXLEY's mind, any consistency with his own theories would require him to desire those, who brought Job's patience as the support of an assertion, to look around them in their every-day life, investigate fully the facts they found there, and let these be their bases of belief. The patient inquirer must look far below the surface to the traits which shun observation; and a short experience in this work will convince him that the idea of the patient and submissive nature of women rests on a very broad foundation.

The relation of one of these facts is an object of the present letter. Some time last April the writer became acquainted with a woman, who was—at least, to the non-medical eye—in the last stages of consumption. Her husband had been out of work for some months, and they were in an extreme of poverty. It was soon discovered that the cause of this poverty was frequent drunkenness on the part of the husband. They had been people of respectable station, but had gradually sunk; all their relatives had deserted them, after using many efforts to reclaim the man. The woman was thought to be so near her end, that a small sum of money was deemed sufficient for her support, when the writer left New-York in May, and when every one left town she was entirely abandoned. That woman lived until the middle of December. When the teacher of the Industrial School, to which her children belonged, went to see her in September, she found her in a condition which it is utterly impossible to describe. Her husband had drank all the time and neglected her. She was living in one of the worst localities of the City, where neighbors would do nothing. She was lying in a corner of a room which contained no article of furniture, and the foulness of which none of the words current among civilized people would suffice to describe. The teacher was so overcome that she could only shudder and turn away, but she spoke to one of the officers of the Children's Aid Society, and he, with the help of a lady who had been one of them visitors, placed the poor woman in comfort until she died. Now, what kept that woman alive through all the intense heat of last Summer, in such circumstances—she, who had been well brought up, and lived comfortably until the last few years? What sustained her without food, almost amounting to starvation, the ill-treatment of her husband, the want of a bed, the noisome atmosphere, the nervous depression, and the many other ills which she endured? What but her spirit of patience and submission? She did not want to die and leave her children—a girl of ten years, who is a cripple, and a boy of six—with no one to care for them, and so she bore on. She never lost her religious trust. She did not show bitterness toward her husband. She never sought to drown suffering in the potion which her husband used, but in her patience she possessed her soul. And when, at last, the lady who befriended her, promised to take care of her children, she gladly left this world in a spirit of peace and forgiveness—an instance among the thousands that could be used by any one disposed to take issue with Prof. HUXLEY.

One object in writing this letter has been to give those who might be so disposed an opportunity to help the children. The poor woman had all the desire of a respectable Scotch Presbyterian for a decent funeral; and the lady who took charge of her promised that she should have it, and be buried in a grave which her husband had purchased in better days. The funeral expenses are still to be paid, amounting to about fifty dollars. The little crippled girl is to be placed in a medical institution until it is seen whether her lameness can be cured. The boy cannot be sent West by the Children's Aid Society, as the father still makes claims upon him, notwithstanding his promise to the mother, and he must be supported here.

Those who feel disposed to help can send their gifts to Mr. J. W. SHINNEN, Children's Aid Society, No. 19 East Fourth-street, and they will be duly applied. G. L.

TUESDAY, Jan. 3, 1871.

EUROPEAN MAIL NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE CUNARD STEAM-SHIP ALGERIA.

The Cunard steam-ship *Algeria*, which left Liverpool Dec. 24, and Queenstown on Dec. 25, reached this port yesterday. Her advices are later by two days than those previously at hand by the *City of Brussels*.

IMPERIAL GERMANY.

The Gift of the Crown to King William of Prussia—Scenes at Versailles.

German Head-quarters (Dec. 18) Correspondence of the London Times.

This 18th of December is a day ever to be remembered in the history of France, Germany and the world. The King went to attend Divine service, at 10 o'clock, in the Chapel of Louis XIV. in this palace. There was somewhat more state and much more interest shown in the event than usual. As best, in war time, much pomp and circumstance, except that of war itself, is not possible. The band of the Fifty-ninth, presently marched into the chapel and took up its post in the organ gallery, over the high altar. Great personages began to arrive. The Grand Duke of COBURG, in cuirassier helmet and jack-boots, attended by his aid, Prince CHARLES of Prussia, Prince WALDEMAR of Prussia, the Grand Duke of Baden, the Grand Duke and Hereditary Prince of Saxe Weimar, and others, the enumeration of whose names and titles is, I am told, very annoying to some bilious little critics at home. They are all real people, nevertheless, and are not invented by me. The greater Kings were not present, but some of the most ancient houses in Germany were represented. They had to pass between the two groups which guard the gate. That on the right represents "France triumphant over the German Empire." The other is "France triumphant over Spain." Please to put the ideas together, and consider what is passing now. On entering the chapel before the arrival of the King I found two or three ladies already seated on the crimson velvet seats, on which were pinned pieces of paper with the numbers of the Psalms for the day. The aisles and galleries were thronged with private soldiers; in the centre passage, between the rows of seats, stood wrapped in a fur-lined coat, Dr. BIMSON, President of the Bund Parliament, speaking to another of the Delegation—a remarkable massive head, a face large and full, putting one in mind of the portraits of CHARLES JAMES FOX, but with more regular and handsome features, the type almost Oriental—thick, black eyebrows, in contrast to the white hair and a dark, bright eye. He it was who headed the deputation from the Frankfort Parliament in 1849 which offered the Imperial Crown to be hereditary in the House of HOHENZOLLERN to the brother of the King who is now about to accept it with undoubted title in the consent of the Sovereigns and people of Germany. There were a few officers in their seats, but the body of the chapel was almost empty; eight long tapers on the altar—the native-owner was in place of ornament. In front of it was a reading-desk covered with a crimson cloth with a white cross on it. At 10, the doors of the chapel, which had been closed, were flung open and the King appeared. He was in his usual uniform, but a commanding figure was lost in a long and ample military cloak. His Majesty walked with quick, firm strides up the centre, and took his place as a high-backed chair on the right, facing the altar. He was alone, and for some seconds he stood remained behind, and then came and seated himself behind the King; the Prince CARL, Prince of the Duke of RABONI, and the young Prince of BAVARIA being near and on his right. The Crown Prince arrived two minutes later and took his chair on the left-hand side, facing the altar, and the Generals and staff, members of the deputation, and officers, soon filled the vacant places. Among them Count BISMARCK was conspicuous by his absence. Gen. von BOEDEL, Gen. von MOLTKE, Gen. von PODBIELSKI, Count PEPOLI, Count VON BLUMENTHAL, Col. von GOTTBERG, Count ROSENBERG, Count SCHLEINITZ, Prince LYNAR, the Russian General de GUERN, and many a stars and sash and noble counsellor were there as well as the rank and file officers who are the heroes of the nameless legions whose hands have helped to dig out the Crown of Barbarossa from its hiding-place, the muscles and nerves which do the bidding of the brain. The King-Emperor, who has not entered Paris yet, has twice visited it with conquering armies—in 1814 when it was almost an open city, and in 1871 when the second Army, defeated outside its walls, could find no rallying point; and it may well be imagined that the Imperial Crown seems to him not quite his own as yet. When all were seated the doors were closed, and the band in the gallery played one of the noble hymns of the military service. The preacher entered—the father-in-law of VON ROON—a man who bore some resemblance to MARTIN LUTHER in portraiture, dressed in a plain black cassock, with bands; and turning toward the altar, he paused a moment before he began the service, without any assistants or clerks, the congregation joining in the rare recurrence of an in the hymns, in which the band assisted with voice and instrument. The sermon which followed was very appropriate and eloquent, but it is difficult to fill the chapel even with the strongest and modulated tones, and the effect of the discourse was somewhat impaired. The preacher alluded to the season of the year, to the near approach of a sacred festival filled with German hearts with thoughts of home. But there was no need to go to Germany to seek Him who had led them through so much peril, who had led them there and His power awed among them. Here in the city where they were about to consummate the work which realized the aspirations of toiling millions, and in which the voice of the German people was raised to offer to the leader of their armies the Crown which was the emblem of temporal power, had been created those treaties which were meant to disintegrate and ruin the national life of Germany. They were assembled in the city in which were devised the Treaties of Utrecht, of Ryswick, and Nimeguen. Let them recognize in these things the workings of the Divine will, and let them bow the knee in gratitude and praise. The preacher concluded his fervid address by a homily on holy living and dying, and after a short prayer and hymn and a benediction the service was ended, and the King, followed by his heir and his Generals, went out and repaired to the Prefecture, from the flagstaff of which floated a flag of purple and gold, the standard of the royal house of HOHENZOLLERN. Before 3 o'clock the Princes began to arrive at the Prefecture in full uniform in carriages, shut and open, the Grand Dukes of Baden, Saxe-Weimar, Coburg-Gotha, Prince LEOPOLD of Hohenzollern, and members of the Second Staff, Count BISMARCK by himself in an open carriage, in his invariable cuirassier undress cap, frock and overalls. The sentries were in a perpetual state of "present arms," aides-de-camp of the King and equerries in full uniform appeared at the windows of the Prefecture; Generals and staff officers with clanking swords and spurs made way through the crowd, and there was much of that heel-clashing and saluting which marks the outdoor greetings of officers who at table are exceedingly social and unaffected. Before 2 the Crown Prince, in his uniform as Field Marshal, attended by Gen. von BLUMENTHAL, drove up in an open carriage, and, to judge from his looks, he was exceedingly happy. His royal Highness was followed by most of the members of his staff. At 2 o'clock the door closed on the last of the delegation. "And now it is done! Old BARBAROSSA may go to sleep now," exclaimed one officer. "Thank God!" "Amen" answered a grave bearded old Colonel. "It is his work, and I can sing 'Nunc dimittis.'" Presently there appeared on the steps witnesses of what had happened within; they were deeply moved—some with tears not in their eyes alone but on their cheeks,—*Bufs! C'est une calamité. Voila Pierre, comme ils pleurent.* But they were tears of joy. The words of those favored ones were eagerly listened to by the officers outside. They spoke of the King's emotion—of the joy that could only find vent in sobs among the veteran Generals who stood around him as he strove to conquer his tongue and give his royal answer. The speech addressed to the King by Dr. SIMSON, the President of the Reichstag, is thus reported by the Cologne *Gazette*: "Your Majesty has graciously permitted the address adopted by the Reichstag of the North German Bund on the 10th inst., to be presented to you in your head-quarters at Versailles. After adopting the address, the treaties with the South German States and two alterations in the Constitution were agreed to, by means of which titles were secured to the future German; and to its most exalted head, which were revered for long centuries, and on the restoration of which the yearning of the German people has never ceased to be directed. Your Majesty receives the deputies of the Reichstag in a city in which more than one destructive armed incursion against our country has been considered and put into execution. Near it, under the pressure of foreign force, were concluded the treaties in immediate consequence of which the German Empire collapsed. Today, however, the nation may from this very spot console itself with the assurance that Emperor and Empire are again erected in the spirit of a new and living present, and that, with the further assistance and the blessing of God, it will secure in both the certainty of unity and might, of right and law, of freedom and peace."

THE INVESTMENT OF PARIS.

Prospects of the Fall of the Capital—Bismarck's Share of the Responsibility—A Protracted Investment Probable.

Writing from Versailles on Dec. 14, the correspondent of the London *Times* says: "If the good people who are exercising themselves over the war were only to know how their resolutions in public meeting assembled" are viewed, they would, perhaps, think less of the beneficial influence they exercise over the belligerents. No one at all acquainted with the French people here imagines they are one whit more disposed to make peace and surrender Alsace and Lorraine than they were. On the other hand, the Germans call out the Landsturm and create two new army corps, adding 60,000 to the number of combatants in the field. All the States north and south are putting up their vanity. And Paris? Well, two months more at least. So that the 14th of February may witness the arrival of the long-wending day. You must not be displeased at my "sick" at it, for the war will go on until Prussia and get more men to fight for her. The present position of the various armies is a proof that the plans of the great captains are frustrated by the whims of war and by circumstances which, if foreseen, were not duly appreciated. The Army of the Crown Prince and the Army of the Crown Prince of Saxony are encamped round a city which was not considered likely to make any defense at all. The first idea as to Paris was that it would surrender when it was surrounded; the second, that it would give after a short term of privation, the third, that it would succumb when a few deaths had fallen into it. Then it was resolved to try starvation more and simple, and various periods were mentioned—three, four, six, eight, or ten weeks—as the time during which the city might hold out. The counsels of the German chiefs seem to have been undecided as to the bombardment. At an early period of the investment I have no doubt the measure was in contemplation. Siege trains were formed, the heavy guns from Strasbourg hurried up and parks established, gabions and fascines stored, and magazines formed. Then two sorts of fire were opened against the project—one from the forts of Paris, developing immense artillery power and rendering the establishment of a superiority of fire at least questionable, the other from moral batteries, which caused various influential persons to view the proposed bombardment with disfavor. To the hearts of some the voice of humanity spoke, with others the good opinion of Europe had its weight. Others alleged philanthropic, social, moral and æsthetic reasons, while they really disliked not the bombardment, but its possible failure. Among those who were accused of prolonging the sufferings of Germany and the sufferings, or, at any rate, the endurance, of the army, was Count BISMARCK. It was said in Germany that he opposed the bombardment. The Imperial Chancellor denied the soft impeachment. His opinion is not sought in the Military Cabinet, and the military members of it alone are responsible for the attitude of the armies and the measures adopted by them. Count BISMARCK does not incur any censure which may be directed against them in the field or out of it. The phases of feeling which I have indicated have mostly been patent enough, and the last resource of the leaders of the army seemed to be that Paris should be starved out without a gun being fired against it. I think there are evidences of a change in favor of a more actively aggressive policy. It may be the influence of popular feeling which is growing more potent. It may be the desire to show the members of the Reichstag that preparations are in hand to quicken the appreciation of hunger on the part of the city. The guns which have been parked will, I think, be put in position in a short time. They will, as all contributions greatly to strengthen the Prussian front, and bring a powerful fire on any outsell from Paris. As to the effects of a bombardment proper, I have already expressed an opinion question subject—I mean, of course, physical effects, for the moral results on the population are vague and conjectural. The invading armies, then, will hold on round Paris to the end, and never depart until they are forced to raise the siege or see the city in their power. It is now evident that if BAZAINE had held Metz for a fortnight more those armies would have been placed in a most critical position, and that in all likelihood the investment of Paris would have been abandoned. If not, then the Crown Prince would have had to beat the Army of the Loire with corps detached from his force to the rear, and have had with the armies thus diminished to have checked the sortie, accompanied by the more vigorous sortie encouraged by the guns of another French force beyond them. But Prince FREDERICK CHARLES having come up in time to meet and roll back the advancing columns of the Loire army, and having retaken Orleans, a new series of operations became necessary." Writing on Dec. 30, Dr. RUSSELL says: "Within five days of Christmas, and no sign of the surrender of Paris! No chance of the Germans seeing the inside of the Tuileries in 1870 as all events! There is an ignorant impatience on the subject. People ask, 'Why has not Paris been taken?' But why should Paris have been taken? The city has not been attacked. There were two great miscalculations somewhere. The first as to the moral and physical courage of the people; the second as to their means of subsistence. Long ago, in our morning parades after breakfast, I used to ask, 'What will you do if Paris resists?' and the only answer I got was that it would not resist. The news from the city is that there is not sensible want within, except on the part of those who do not contribute to the defense, and when the period of absolute starvation for the mass of the people is talked of, there is no one to whom it appears to me that we are at the eve of civil strife. The partisans of the Pontiff had been repeating, for several days, that on the 8th they intended to make a demonstration in honor of the Pope, and, consequently, against King VICTOR EMMANUEL and the new state of things. On the evening of the 7th several of the houses inhabited by well-known reactionaries were illuminated. The irritated the people, and it was resolved that on the following day they should meet in the square of St. Peter, and prevent the Pope's partisans from making any demonstration in an anti-liberal sense, if they really entertained so absurd an idea. Accordingly, from an early hour in the morning the square of St. Peter appeared much more crowded than usual; many Police officers and inspectors were seen strolling about, but nothing happened till rather late in the afternoon. A Papal demonstration had really been organized. A number of ex-gendarmes and ex-soldiers of the Papal Army had been shut up in the Vatican ever since an early hour in the morning, and had been armed with revolvers and daggers. Fifty others were to approach the Vatican and cry, "Long live the Pope King! Down with the Liberals!" Fearing an assault from the people, it had been agreed that if they were attacked in approaching, they would cry out "Giorgio." This *mot d'ordre* signified that the armed partisans who were shut up in the Vatican were to come out to their defense. The long column of reactionary partisans approached the Vatican. No sooner did the people recognize them than hisses and cries of "Down with the Pope!" resounded on every side. The Papal partisans lost no time in crying "Giorgio." But the Swiss Guards, who occupied the gates of the Vatican, knew nothing of the *mot d'ordre*, and at once shut the gates. Thus the Papal partisans were left at the mercy of the people. Fortunately for them, a battalion of Bersaglieri arrived in time to save them from certain death. The gates were reopened, and the armed partisans came out from the Vatican. A struggle ensued, which lasted a few minutes. Some shots from revolvers were fired, a Bersagliere was wounded, and several persons were conducted to the Hospital of Santo Spirito. Of course, this audacious attempt of the Papal partisans has greatly irritated the Roman people. They demand, and just, too, that the Vatican itself should be disarmed. When Gen. KANZLER signed the capitulation of Rome, it was agreed that the Pontiff might keep in his service the Swiss and Palatini Guards for his own service in the Vatican. Now, loyally speaking, Gen. KANZLER does not in the least keep to the letter signed by him in the presence of all the foreign ambassadors. The Vatican is actually converted into a fortress.

AMERICA AND EUROPE.

Military States of the United States—Their Power for Self-Defense.

The London *Times*, of Dec. 23, refers, in a leader, to the report recently presented to the President by the American Secretary of War, and, also, to the recent report of Gen. SHERMAN. In the course of its remarks, the *Times* says: "Probably the reforming party have by this time attained their utmost point of vantage at Washington. [illegible] army can ready to make the nation round which an armed nation may gather. Forty thousand men, well disciplined and admirably officered, may undoubtedly grow, in case of need, within a few weeks into a splendid army of half a million of men. Unless opposed by a nation *drilled from childhood to the business of fighting*, such an army would be irresistible. The Permanent Army, regulars, reserve and Land works, would doubtless make short work of the troops whom the United States could put into the field if there were a declaration of war at once, and if the United States were an European Power. But the Union is not, is cannot be, it will not be, an European Power. The Monroe Doctrine "has been [illegible] for a generation; it will not be lightly abandoned. The stories of American preparations in Europe to fight are discounted for market speculations. The differences between England and the United States on the score of maltreatment during the civil war are not likely to lead to any military complications. Whoever may be in the wrong, we may feel assured that no general is sanguine enough to [illegible] a war against England. Gen. SHERMAN's late here at home would say, to discuss. Gen. SHERMAN's recent report corresponds in the leading particulars with the statement now presented by the Secretary for War. Although a great reduction has been effected in the number of men serving under the flag of the Union and in the annual expenditure upon the army, there does not appear to be the same economy in the administration of the Department. * * * With an army of 37,000 men, the President of the Republic may be reasonably secure that *he has a force sufficient to oppose any foe that can be brought against him*. Even though he were to engage wickedly and rashly in conflict with England for her Canadian Dominion, the force at present under arms in the United States is at least equal to any that this country could send across the Atlantic in time of need to defend Quebec. The Great Powers of the European Continent are powerless when they face America, and *no nation but England is feared, or—which is nearly the same thing—is thought of in the grandest colony of the Anglo-Saxon race*. For our part, we are willing and anxious to live at peace with all mankind, but especially with the United States. We accept the military policy of President GRANT's Government, as announced in Mr. Secretary BELKNAP's report, as a pledge that the United States desire peace and friendship with the mother country. In spite of hot words and blatant harangues, we believe in the *desire*. The rational and pacific plans which the Union has adopted in its military administration are pledges of sincerity in a course which secures our friendship, and establishes the world's peace on a firm foundation."

ENGLAND'S POSITION.

Herr Bismarck in Reply to Earl Granville's Letter—Comments on the Situation.

Herr HARR. BISMARCK, in a letter he has addressed to the *Times*, gives his approval to Earl GRANVILLE's demand that England should put herself in a position of defense, only (he says) it is not Germany we have to provide against, as the noble Earl seems to think. When Lord RUSSELL says that even if he were not an Englishman, he would think this free country worthy of being protected against the danger of an attack, he may be sure that these words of his find a responsive chord among those who have lived during long years of exile on English soil, who have begun to look upon it as almost their second home, and who entertain a warm feeling for a country which SCHILLER styled the Tyrant-newhn—" the bulwark against tyranny." What Herr BISMARCK has to accuse Earl RUSSELL of in a deputation to commit against Germany, is the same fault which many even of his countrymen who formerly adhered to his policy in American affairs, now recognize as having then been committed by him. In Earl RUSSELL (says the German Republican) now intent upon helping to weaken the bonds of amity which have hitherto connected the kindred nations of England and Germany, as he has done those which unite England and America? If he is not, then he strangely deceives himself as to the inevitable effect of his letter. "In the victories of Germany over unprovoked aggression, he too, I suppose, recognizes a pledge of European security, and an advantage even to England; for the triumph of France, the aggressor, over England's naturally on the Continent would have brought grave dangers to the continent of Europe." Surely, it is not to be reasonably expected that a statesman desirous of preserving the blessings of peace for this country would make useful suggestions for strengthening the friendship between England and Germany—say, for instance, on the question of the export of munitions—then employ language which offends the dignity of the "national ally" by the utterance of unfounded suspicions? Or does Earl RUSSELL really believe in a threatening invasion from Germany?—an idea which French agents would fain impose upon easy credulity. There is no need for the writer of these lines to say that he is a stranger to Royal Prussian policy. If, therefore, I dissent from the comparison Earl RUSSELL

WHAT IS THIS MYSTERY?

Thirty Months' Confinement in a Station-House—A Prisoner Whose Name the Authorities Conceal—Remarkable Mediums of the Police.

For the past three months a man has been confined in a cell at the Sixth Precinct Station-house under the most rigid surveillance, without being given any trial or examination. Two policemen have watched him night and day, under special orders not to divulge anything about the matter.

His name and offense have been kept a profound secret from every one, and so careful was Police Captain Kennedy about him that he received the title among the officers at the Station-house of the "Mysterious Prisoner." The best of food was furnished him, and everything was done to make him comfortable. A reporter of the TIMES heard about this strange incarceration a short time ago, but found it impossible to obtain the least satisfactory information concerning him. According to description he is a tall gentlemanly-looking man, with dark hair. The mysterious manner in which he has been guarded has given rise to a report that he was implicated in some way with the celebrated Nathan murder, but as yet the Police officials have not made public the nature of his crime. A score of young working girls are employed in an establishment in the immediate vicinity of Twenty-second-st. and Ninth-av. These girls are romantic, and easily given to fiction. At this time, at least, their romance is one of real life, with substantial characters in it. Hid of the mystic character of the Man in the Steel Mask, and as detailed to a TIMES reporter by twenty-four young women, all speaking at once and in the shrillest key in their compass, came the following:

It was a bright sunshiny day, some three months ago, when a prisoner, a stout, dark-haired man was taken into the Sixth Precinct Station-house. All circumstances were changed, and every avenue whence a whisper might come to the ears of the prisoner was closed, and the stranger was hurried off to a deep and gloomy cell on the lower range, not exactly "beneath the castle moat," but quite on a level with the swamps and of the old "Collect."

The next morning, when the twenty-four girls of the establishment passed their work of the day, they noticed a pair of white hands clasping the bars of a cell window looking on the yard of the building in which they were occupied. A pale face appeared occasionally at the narrow opening, as if to catch a few breaths of fresh air, but beyond this the prisoner made no demonstration for attracting the girls' notice, and no apparent change for three weeks. At the beginning of the fourth, the same hands were seen clasping the cold bars, the same pale face and pleading eye appeared at the narrow opening of the cell, as long as formerly, the most casual some intelligence and sympathy. A few of the bolder spirits determined to learn the particulars. One day, therefore, several of the girls climbed up on the dividing wall between the premises, and accosted the prisoner. He returned their salutations pleasantly, and manifested lively spirits under the influence of company, and listened to their inquiries with a smile, from which his name was Gaston. GEORGE what? He refused to tell. He had been imprisoned, he said, on a charge of forgery, but there had been no investigation, no trial, no legal proceedings, and it was extremely doubtful to him, under the circumstances, if he would ever get out. The other inmates of the Station-house he spoke of in a friendly manner, and seemed impatient with the answer that his life was a mystery, and, except in the most trivial details, must remain a secret. He encouraged the girls' visits, however, for sometimes he, and for two months they have been holding conversation through him, from day to day.

Finally, however, the curiosities being the prime movers, on calling at his barred window as usual, the girls found that the cell was vacant. It was reported that the prisoner had escaped, but whether restored to liberty or carried to some deeper dungeon no one knew. A call at the Station-house developed no new facts concerning the prisoner. The sergeant in charge professed to know nothing of the case, and refused to be questioned. Capt. KENNEDY was not to be found, and, although for several days, though repeated calls were made for the purpose of interviewing him concerning the mysterious stranger, his mysterious incarceration, and his mysterious disappearance. As for the officers of the day, they were all very pleasant, and answered the questions of our reporter with a smile, and a shake of their shoulders, and a sign of the tobacco quids in their cheeks. So the mystery remains in passing as over, defies the most diligent and careful researches. Only the Police of the Sixth Precinct can explain why and by what authority a prisoner has been held in incommunicado in the Station-house for three months. That the mysterious stranger was so held, there are twenty intelligent working girls, employed in a building in Centre-street, who can satisfactorily answer, and a few elsewhere. Here is a point for the Police! Where do they get their law to warrant this procedure with any prisoner, whatever his quality, color, or crime?

Public Education in Brooklyn—Report of Superintendent Buckley.

The following interesting statistics concerning the public schools of Brooklyn have been forwarded by Superintendent J. BUCKLEY to Mr. WEAVER, State Superintendent of the Department of Public Instruction:

Number of licensed teachers employed for twenty-eight weeks or more during school year commencing Sept. 30, 1870, 768.

Number of children over five and under twenty-one years of age residing in the city, 126,105.

Number of free school seats (all departments), 96.

Number of private schools in this city, not including colleges, incorporated academies or seminaries, 72, (estimated.)

Number of pupils, over five and under twenty-one years of age, reported as having attended such private schools some portion of the school year ending Sept. 30, 1870, was 21,000, (estimated.)

The whole time the public schools were taught during the year closing Sept. 30, 1870, was forty-five weeks and three days.

The whole number of children of school age in the city, 126,105; average daily attendance of the year, was 72,301; average daily attendance, 55,325.

The number of volumes in the public school libraries is 97,000, and they present estimated value is $60,000.

The number of school-houses in the City, six thousand thirty-five brick and twelve frame.

The school-house sites are valued at $800,000, and the school-houses at $3,000,000.

The number of school-houses built during the year is four, including two opened in October, 1870.

FINANCIAL.

Mr. BUCKLEY adds the following financial statement:

Amount on hand Oct. 1, 1869	$99,802 00
Amount of public money, both for teachers' wages and library, apportioned to the City by the State Superintendent	122,002 25
Amount raised by tax on property for all purposes within the school year	707,738 00
From other sources	12,849 41
Total	$947,431 66

PAYMENTS.

For teachers' wages, except colored	$484,223 00
For school apparatus	4,336 20
For colored schools, all expenses	3,317 00
For rent	17,482 00
For building school-houses	316,728 40
For hiring school-houses	4,152 67
For repairs of school-houses	32,000 00
For fuel	11,107 91
For janitors	26,198 09
For janitors' salaries	11,400 00
For printing	3,178 75
For books delivered to pupils free	22,296 82
Total	$947,431 66

COUNTY TOWNS—STATISTICS.

For the County towns the School Commissioner reports that the amount of school moneys received from all sources during school year ending Oct. 31, 1870, were:

Flatlands	$5,048 72	New-Utrecht	$5,132 76
Flatbush	3,957 91		
Gravesend	4,149 16	Total	$18,031 54
New-Lots	14,882 46		

STATE APPROPRIATION.

Flatlands	$1,264 02	New-Utrecht	$967 38
Flatbush	989 48		
Gravesend	862 67	Total	$3,721 54
New-Lots	3,718 39		

AMOUNT RAISED BY TAX.

Flatlands	$8,488 00	New-Lots	$8,132 38
Flatbush	1,610 71	New-Utrecht	1,324 29
Gravesend	Nothing		
Total			$19,081 54

OTHER ITEMS.

The number of scholars attending school during the year in all the county towns, 5,101; number of teachers, 95; number of private schools, 15; number of volumes in libraries, 5,700; value of books, $6,200; value of school-houses and sites, $46,100; Assessed valuation of property in all the county towns, $11,000,000.

Twice Married but Never Married.

About four years ago MARY FARING was married to AUGUSTUS FARING, in this City, and for two years lived a tranquil, if not a happy, life with him. Gradually, however, the seeds of discord found way into their marital relations, and MARY sought and obtained a divorce, it is alleged, without the knowledge of her husband. She was not allowed to enjoy single blessedness for any considerable period, for a week subsequently she met FREDERICK HEIMER, a cigar-maker, doing business at No. 413 Canal-street, and the introduction was followed by a mutual feeling of regard between them. Marriage ensued, as a consequence, but scarcely had a month elapsed when MARY tired of her love and left his home for a more congenial residence in Hoboken. How many other spouses she wedded has not been made known, but three weeks ago her affection for her first love returned, and humble and penitent she sought comfort in his arms, consoling him for her absence by bringing a large quantity of furniture, estimated to be worth $500. With that strange desire for a change which seems to have been her guiding star, MARY, in the course of three days, again forsook her FARING and demanded that her property be returned to her. This the latter refused, and yesterday he was before Judge COX on a charge of grand larceny. During the investigation another person came forward claiming an equal share in MARY'S affections, adding that he too had been lawfully married to her. Judge COX expressed himself unable to unravel the mystery surrounding MARY'S actions, and dismissed the case.

A Thief Sent to State Prison for Five Years.

CHARLES WILSON, a professional rogue, was sent to State Prison, for five years, by Judge BENEDICT, of the Court of General Sessions, yesterday, for stealing a piece of cloth, worth $125, from THOMAS SENNOT, of No. 302 Bowery. M. E. SMITH, wife of a salesman, was acquitted on a charge of stealing six pairs of shoes from Mr. FAIRLEY'S store, in Sixth-avenue. The indictment and the testimony were both defective in her case. Several cases were called, but could not be carried to trial on account of the absence of witnesses. Judge BENEDICT expressed the necessity of Assistant District-Attorney Jerome being in his office, and the superintendent of Police to know if the officers under his command were to be allowed to treat the Court with contempt by absenting themselves when subpœnaed as witnesses. The Court then adjourned until this morning.

LAW REPORTS.

COURT OF APPEALS.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The Court of Appeals calendar for Saturday, Jan. 7, is as follows: Nos. 37, 42, 43, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 56, 57, 59 and 60. There will be no afternoon session.

DECISIONS.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 6.

By Judge Sutherland.

Brown vs. The United States Submarine and Torpedo Boat Company; motion granted.

Howes vs. Beveridge; order granted.

Miller vs. Halsey; an extra allowance of two and a half per cent. granted.

Wasson vs. The Bank of Halsey; an extra allowance of five and a half per cent. granted.

In the matter of the application of Margaret H. Agew; report of guardian confirmed, said order granted.

Wasson vs. Babcock; see decision.

Dupont Eatsky vs. The Chebra Bikur Cholem V. Kadisha in the City of New-York; motion denied, without costs.

Jahring vs. Larkin; re-sale ordered.

Wallis vs. Klinker; motion granted.

By Judge Ordronaux.

Mullen vs. Dougherty; judgment for defendant, Fonder.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—JAN. 6.

By Justice Barbour.

Davenport vs. Fullerton; Smith vs. Miller; Lynch vs. Sherwin; Elum vs. Sherwin; orders granted.

Lyon vs. Isett; motion denied.

Duncan vs. The American Fertilizing Company; motion denied, with $10 costs.

Travis vs. Peck; order granted.

By Judge Jones.

Funke vs. Hawkes; motion denied, with $10 costs.

Prochin vs. Coleman; motion denied.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

WASHINGTON Jan. 6.—No. 88.—*Elizabeth W. Edmonson et al. vs. Adam Bloomshire et al.*—Appeal from the Circuit Court of the Southern District of Ohio.—William Blickensdorf, of Virginia, served as Deputy Director-General, with the rank of Colonel, in the Virginia line, a Continental establishment in the Revolutionary War, which service, he has been duly enrolled to bounty lands in the Virginia Military District of Ohio. In August, 1782, he devised all his property to his wife, Elizabeth, and died in 1783, without issue. In the House of Delegates of Virginia, on the 14th of November, 1782, upon the petition of Mrs. Elizabeth Blickensdorf, two resolutions were passed in respect of the claim, one authorizing the Auditor of Public Accounts to settle and allow the legal representative of the pay of Rickman, and issue certificates therefor, and warrants for the interest thereon; and the other that Mrs. Rickman be allowed such portion of land as the rank and service of her deceased husband merited. Settlement of the accounts under the first resolution was had on the 26th of February, 1784, and the balance due to him was found to be $1,222; and, under the second, certificate was issued that the widow was entitled to the proportion of land allowed a Colonel of the Continental line, who has served three years, by resolution of Assembly; but it does not appear that the certificate was issued. Subsequently a warrant was issued from the Land Office, authorizing the Surveyor to lay off 1,866 acres, as the amount required. Mrs. Rickman married Dr. John Edmonson in 1790, all property coming to her under her husband's will being settled upon her by post-nuptial agreement, and by her will afterward made, she gave to her husband all the land she possessed during his life, and, by specific devise, directed that "certificates in the hands of her brother (those in question) be given to her husband, to dispose of as a tender husband proper." Mrs. Edmonson died in 1791, without issue, and in 1795 Edmonson married again. In 1808 he also died, leaving three children, and a will dividing his property equally among his children after the death of his wife. One of the children resided before the father, under age, and the other two were born. Elizabeth having inter-married with Littleton Waddell, whose heirs-at-law joined, Bloomshire *et al.* hold title and possession under the brothers and sisters of Mrs. Rickman-Edmonson as heirs, and the allegation is that the descent was not broken by her will; that the property thus left referred to certain certificates for back pay due her deceased husband, and did not include the warrants, as to which she died intestate. The Court below so found, and the children of Edmonson bring the case here for review.

John B. Baldwin for appellants; W. W. Lawrence, W. W. Robinson and R. G. Anderson for appellees.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART II.—JAN. 6.

Before Judge Van Brunt and a Jury.

PROMISSORY NOTES—AN UNUSUAL DEFENSE.

Spencer Kirby vs. *Owen McFarland and Daniel McFarland.*—This action was brought to recover $1,000 and interest on two promissory notes, made by Owen McFarland on the 18th of May, 1867, each for $500, each payable to Daniel McFarland, his brother, at the Mechanics' Bank of Newark, N. J., four months after date. Before maturity Daniel McFarland indorsed the notes and transferred them to the plaintiff.

The defense was threefold. First, that they were accommodation notes, made for the benefit of Daniel McFarland; second, that they were discounted at a usurious rate—namely, for $40—and third, that Owen McFarland made them "without consideration, and at a time when he was laboring under temporary disability of his full use of his faculties." Both the defendants were called as witnesses, and from the testimony of Owen it appeared that his disability at the time of making the note was caused by the excessive use of intoxicating drinks.

The Court evidently did not regard this as a valid defense, and directed the jury to find a verdict for the plaintiff for $1,264 19, the full amount claimed, with interest.

For plaintiff, Messrs. G. R. & T. D. Pelton; for the defendants, Mr. A. P. Whitehead.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JAN. 6.

Before Judge Sutherland.

ALLEGED IMPOSITION ON A RELIGIOUS SOCIETY.

Simon Rutsky vs. *The Society Chebra Bikur Cholem V. Kadisha in the City of New-York.*—This case came up on the application of the plaintiff for a mandamus to compel the Society to restore him to his rights and privileges as a member. It seems that he was expelled by the Society on the charge of having received weekly payments from it, on the pretext that he was ill and confined to his bed, when, as the Society claims, he was actually attending to his business, all of which was not in accordance with the Society's constitution and by-laws. A committee was appointed to investigate the matter. The relator declared the Committee to be a partial one, and hence a second one was appointed, and on their report he was dismissed from the Society. The relator, it seems, failed to appear before the second Committee, but sought his remedy in Court.

Judge SUTHERLAND yesterday rendered a decision denying the motion for a mandamus.

J. H. Whitlegge for relator; David Levy for the Society.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.

Before Judge Larremore.

A CASE OF FALSE PRETENSES.

Charles Place vs. *Frederick A. Seaver.*—This action was brought to recover $1,200 from the defendant, which it was alleged was obtained from the plaintiff by the fraudulent misrepresentations of the defendant. It appeared on the trial that the defendant represented to the plaintiff that he had a quarter interest in a contract to construct a railroad from Ponds to Gloversville, in this State, which contract was held by the firm of Douglas & McLean. It also appeared that the defendant exhibited elaborate plans and specifications of the work to be done, and demonstrated therefrom that great profits were to be made. The plaintiff therefore advanced $1,200 to the defendant, but before advancing more, he ascertained that the firm of Douglas & McLean had no contract to build the road in question, and that they had never heard of the defendant, and the officers of the Railroad Company made the same statement. The jury at once perceived that the whole thing was a swindle, and gave a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for the whole amount claimed.

J. E. Hayward for plaintiff; Wm. F. Howe for defendant.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—JAN. 6.

FIRST BOARD.

$10,000 U.S. 5-20s C., '65	105⅝	200 N. Y. Cen. & H. R.	91⅛
4,000 U.S. 5-20s C., '65	107⅛	300 do.	c. 91⅛
1,000 U.S. 5-20s C., '65	108	100 do.	b. c. 91⅛
5,000 U.S. 5-20s C., '65, new	107⅛	1,200 do.	91
40,000 U.S. 5-20s R., '67	107⅛	90,000 N. Y. Cen. & H. R. Certificates	87⅞
1,000 U.S. 5s R., 1881	110⅛	10,000 do.	87⅞
20,000 Tenn. 6s, ex. old	62⅞	10,000 do.	b. c. 87⅞
25,000 Tenn. 6s, ex. n.	61	200 Erie Railway	22⅞
15,000 do.	61⅛	200 do.	b. c. 22⅞
10,000 do.	61⅛	200 do.	22⅞
10,000 do.	61	200 Reading	93⅛
10,000 do.	61⅛	1,000 do.	93⅛
5,000 Va. 6s, R. old	50⅛	100 do.	93
11,000 do. R. new	51	500 L. S. & M. S. R.	91⅛
7,000 Ga. 6s, 7s, G. B.	81⅛	400 do.	91⅛
2,000 Ga. 6s, 8s	79	100 do.	91⅛
1,000 S. C. 6s, 8s, 8s	60	100 do.	91⅛
Jan. 6 2 July	60⅛	1,000 do.	b. o. s. 91⅛
10,000 do.	60⅛	200 do.	91⅛
4,000 do.	60⅛	100 do.	91⅛
1,000 N. Y. Sta. 6s	100	100 do.	b. 91⅛
1,000 City Loan, 6s	104⅛	1,200 Union Pacific	11⅞
12,000 Ver. 6s, old	67⅛	100 Illinois Cen.	138⅛
10,000 Broo'n 6s, W. L.	82⅛	200 do.	138⅛
5,000 Erie 2d M., '75	91⅛	100 Chic. & N. W.	69⅞
10,000 C. Pa. R. G. B.	91⅛	200 do.	70
10,000 do.	91⅛	200 do.	70
2,000 Un. Pa. R. 1st	92	100 do.	b. 70⅛
5,000 do.	72⅛	100 do.	b. 70⅛
10,000 W. Pa. R. G. B.	92	100 do.	b. 70⅛
5,000 do.	92⅛	100 Chic. & N. W. Pref.	81
1,000 C. & N. W. Con.	80⅛	200 do.	81⅛
3,000 C. & N. W. 1st	88⅛	100 do.	b. c. 81⅛
1,000 C. & N. W. S. F.	80	100 do.	81⅛
1 Bk of Commerce	112	400 do.	82⅛
10 Fourth Nat. Bk	120	200 Del., L. & West.	100⅛
100 Mechanics' Bank	102	100 do.	100⅛
100 Nat. Bk. of N. Y.	214⅛	100 Alt. & T. H.	32⅛
200 do.	b. a. 214⅛	100 Chic. & Mich.	97⅛
200 do.	214⅛	200 do.	97⅛
100 do.	214⅛	200 do.	97⅛
100 Metropolitan	94⅛	100 do.	97⅛
100 Metropolitan Bk.	94⅛	100 Morris & Essex	94⅛
100 Mariposa Prof.	10	50 do.	95
100 do.	10	100 do.	95
200 Pacific Mail	39⅛	100 H. & St. Jo. C.	34⅛
200 do.	39⅛	200 do.	34⅛
100 do.	39⅛	7 do.	35
20 Am. M. Un. Ex.	43	100 H. & St. Jo. Pref.	110
2 United States Bank	15	100 Dub. & Sioux C.	40
100 C. & Ind. Cen.	19⅛		

SECOND BOARD.

$11,000 U. S. 5s, '81	109⅛	200 N. Y. C. & H. R.	91
40,000 U. S. 6s, '81, C. R.	110⅛	2,000 do.	90⅞
5,000 U. S. 5-20s, '67	107⅛	100 L. S. & M. S. R.	91⅛
100 U. S. 5-20s, '67, N.	107	100 L. S. & M. S. R. b. a.	91⅛
110,000 U. S. 5-20s, '67, new	107⅛	100 do.	91⅛
10,000 do.	107⅛	200 Cleve. & Pitts.	104⅛
2,000 Ill. R. 8s, C., '87	95	100 do.	104⅛
4,000 do.	107⅛	100 Chi. & N. W.	69⅞
10,000 do.	107⅛	100 do.	70
2,000 U. S. 5-20, reg.	108⅛	100 Chi. & N. W. Pref.	81⅛
5,000 U. S. 5s, '81	107⅛	100 do.	81⅛
10,000 U. S. 6s, 16-20, C.	108⅛	50 M. J. Con.	82⅛
4,000 Ohio 6s, '81	120⅛	200 Chi. & R. I.	104⅛
14,000 Tenn. 6s, old	61⅛	100 do.	104⅛
5,000 Tenn. 6s, new	61⅛	25 do.	104⅛
20,000 do.	60⅛	1,000 Mil. & St. Paul	49
10,000 do.	61⅛	25 do.	49⅞
10,000 S. Car. 6s, new, Jan. & July	60⅛	100 do.	b. c. 49
4,000 do. Apr. & Oct.	62	100 do.	49⅞
4,000 Mo. St. 6s, ext.	86⅛	100 do.	b. c. 71⅛
10,000 Union Pac. 1st	72⅛	200 do.	b. c. 71⅛
10,000 do.	72⅛	10 Del., Lack. & W.	104⅛
10,000 Wa. Pac. 10s, 1s	93	100 Alt. & T. H.	32⅛
41,000 do.	93	100 Chic. & Mich.	97⅛
2,000 Cent. Pac. G. B.	93⅛	100 do.	97⅛
5,000 do.	93⅛	100 Chic. & Alton Pref.	99
1,000 C., C. & I. C. 1st	82⅛	100 Morris & Essex	94⅛
100 Mariposa Pref.	9⅞	100 H. & St. Jo.	34⅛
2,000 West'n U. Tel. s. a.	84⅛	100 do.	34⅛
200 Am. Mo. Un. Ex.	43⅛	15 Rens. & Saratoga	80

FRIDAY, Jan. 6—P. M.

The Money Market shows a fair measure of ease in the business on Stock account today, while Stocks themselves are rather lower than yesterday, although the bearish feeling is not so persistent. The Gold Room rules a traction firmer, 110⅛@110⅞ ₱ cent., the market taking quite readily the Gold paid out for January Interest by the Treasury. The explanation of the demand is that the import trade are disposed to buy in place of borrowing for current Customs Duties, which average over half a million of dollars per day, and also to buy about 110⅛@110⅞ ₱ cent. to pay for Exchange, which, on the ease in Money today, is quoted 109⅞@110⅛ on London. After the present week the Gold going daily into the Treasury for Customs will equal the Gold Interest daily coming out, so that the extent of the supply in the open market will then be more readily measured than at present. On the other hand, our 5-20 Bonds are appreciating in the London and Frankfort markets, and can now be transmitted to profit in place of Exchange.

At the Stock Exchange the changes in the Public Funds were not important in prices, from yesterday, but these was rather more done, and the market left off steady. The State Bonds of the Southern States were lower on Tennessees, partly on the announcement, at the Board of the Exchange, that the State reserves all legal rights to contest the validity of certain new Bonds, irregularly or fraudulently issued to, or obtained by, the Railways. The numbers of such bonds not being given, the taint of fraud is very unjustly left by the State authorities who serve this notice upon the Brokers, upon all the new Bonds dealt in at the Exchange. The South Carolina Bonds are a little steadier at yesterday's sudden decline. The Missouri 6 ₱ cents are 89½ ex dividend. Virginias, Arkansas and Georgias are dull of sale. There are no new developments as to the New-Year defaults of the State of Alabama and the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad. The Governor's telegram of Tuesday speaks well of what the Legislature may soon do, and makes a large draught upon the credulity of Northern Bondholders as to the good faith of his "Democratic" Party, recently installed in the Executive Government of Alabama. He will not, we hope, think it strange if, just now, this sort of boasting is taken with large allowance while the newly elected Legislatures (both Democratic) of North Carolina and Georgia threaten to follow the example of Tennessee, in covert if not open repudiation of most if not all the obligations incurred by their Republican predecessors.

There was a fresh decline in the Bonds of the Union Pacific Road. The First Mortgages sold down to 73 ₱ cent., the Incomes to 35 ₱ cent., and the Land Grants quoted 55@56 ₱ cent. The troubles in Boston, growing out of the embarrassments of Mr. OAKES AMES, and the involvement of Messrs. GARDNER, BACON & Co., of this City, partly, it is given out, on account of Mr. AMES, are having their serious effect upon the Union Pacific Bonds and Stock, of which Mr. AMES, as one of the builders of the Road, and a prominent Director, was so important a holder.

In the Afternoon, the Stock market was better by ¼@½ ₱ cent. on the New-York and Western Roads, and the temper of the market was not so bearish as last night and this morning. There is apparently a good deal of business doing in these Stocks and in Western Telegraph, but chiefly between the Brokers themselves, complaint being general of the absence of outside orders.

At the close of business in the Long Room the following quotations were made as compared with Thursday night:

CLOSING QUOTATIONS—JAN. 6.

	Thursday.	Friday.
United States 10-40s	106⅝	106⅝
United States 5-20s of 1862	106⅝	106⅝
United States 5-20s of 1867	107⅝	107⅝
American Gold	110⅛	110⅝
Bills on London, 60 days	109	109⅛
New Bonds of Tennessee	62⅛	61⅝
New-York Central & Hudson	91⅛	91
N. Y. C. & H. Debt Certificates	87⅛	87
Reading Railroad	93⅛	93⅛
Chicago and Rock Island	104⅛	104⅝
North-west Common	70⅛	70⅝
North-west Preferred	81⅛	81⅝
Pacific Mail Company	39⅛	39⅛
St. Paul Preferred	72⅛	73⅛
St. Paul Common	50⅛	49⅞
Lake Shore	91⅛	91⅝
Ohio and Mississippi	27⅞	28⅛
Toledo and Wabash	48⅛	48⅝
Western Telegraph	44⅛	44⅛
Erie	22⅛	22⅝

The Treasury Office paid today $608,000 for Gold Interest, and received $602,000 for Gold Customs.

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States:

6 ₱ cent. reg., '81	110⅝	5-20 coup., '67	107⅝
6 ₱ cent. coup., '81	110⅝	5-20 coup., '68	107⅝
5-20 coup., '62	106⅝	10-40 registered	106⅝
5-20 coup., '64	106⅝	10-40 coupon	106⅝
5-20 coup., n. i., '65	107⅝	6s currency	110⅝
5-20 coup., '65	108⅝		

And the following for the State Bonds:

Tennessee 6s, old	61⅛	Ark. 7s, L. R. P. B. & N. O.	60
Tenn. 6s, new bds	61⅛	Ark. 7s, Miss. O. & R. R.	60
Virginia 6s, old	50	Ohio 6 ₱ cent., '81	100
Virginia 6s, new, old	50	Illinois Canal bds., '75	100
Georgia 6s	79	Illinois coup. 6s, '77	100
Georgia 7s, gold bds	93⅛	Illinois coup. 6s, '79	100
North Carolina 6s, old	44⅛	Illinois War Loan	100
N. C. Funding Act, '68	38	Mich. 5 ₱ cent., '78	100
N. C. Funding Act, '68	34⅛	Mich. 6 ₱ cent., '79	100
N. Car. new bds	33⅛	Mich. 6 ₱ cent., '83	101
N. Car. 6s, new bds	30⅛	Mich. 7 ₱ cent., '78	101⅛
S. Car. 6s, n. i. & Oct.	62⅛	N. Y. City Loan, 1896	104⅛
Missouri 6s	89⅛	N. Y. Comp. R'y Loan	104⅛
Mo. 6s, H. & St. Jo.	78	N. Y. S. Canal 1s	72⅛@72⅛
Louisiana 6s	65	N. Y. S. Canal 1s	72⅛@72⅛
Louisiana 7s	65	N. Y. S. Canal 1s	72⅛@72⅛
Arkansas 6s, funded	55	N. Y. S. Canal 1s	72⅛@72⅛
Arkansas 7s, L. R. & F. S.	55	N. Y. S. Canal 1s	72⅛@72⅛
Alabama 5s	50	N. Y. S. Canal 1s	72⅛@72⅛
Alabama 8s, funded	55	N. Y. S. Canal 1s	72⅛@72⅛
Alabama 8s, new	55	N. Y. S. Canal 1s	72⅛@72⅛
Alabama 8s, Tuscumbia, R. & D.	55	N. Y. S. Canal 1s	72⅛@72⅛
Alabama 8s, Mob. & Girard	55	N. Y. S. Canal 1s	72⅛@72⅛
Alabama 8s, Ala. & Chat.

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BOOTH'S THEATRE.
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MATINEE at 1½ o'clock.

GRAND OPERA-HOUSE.
23d-st., corner 8th-av.
LES BRIGANDS. Leading characters by Mlle. Aimee, Mlle. Persini and M. Cazaux.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Houston-st.
WEE WILLIE WINKIE. Characters by Messrs. G. L. Fox, Honeywood, Atkins, Miss Fanny Beane, Miss Bloom, Miss Vanasse, and others.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, near Prince-st.
THE BLACK CROOK. Leading characters by Messrs. Morton, Rogers, Hamilton, and Miss Pauline Markham.
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WALLACK'S THEATRE.
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NEWS OF THE DAY.

THE WAR.

Gen. MANTEUFFEL gives a different version of the recent battle in the north of France, claimed by the French as a complete victory for them. He says the French were repulsed on Monday with heavy loss, including 200 prisoners; and again on Tuesday their attack was repulsed, when they began a retreat, which became disastrous in consequence of the close pursuit of the German cavalry. A London dispatch says the French returned to their encampment near Noyelles after the fight of Tuesday. Gen. FAIDHERBE, in an order of the day, compliments the soldiers on their victory, which, he says, the enemy will not this time deny. On the 4th inst. the Prussians surprised a French detachment near Rouen, taking 400 prisoners. Belfort continues to hold out. The German commander in the valley of the Saône reports that he evacuated Dijon in obedience to orders, and reached Vesoul Dec. 22, still controlling the passage of the Saône, he claims. A Versailles dispatch of Jan. 4, says the bombardment of the southern forts of Paris began at 9 A. M. that day. The French Government will accept messages for Paris, to be forwarded by carrier pigeons, at the senders' risk, at ten cents a word.

GENERAL EUROPEAN NEWS.

Four sailors were suffocated by charcoal in the forecastle of an Italian brig anchored in Tyne. The vessel was afterward partly destroyed by fire. The ship S. D. Thurston, from New-York Dec. 11, was wrecked Jan. 4, on the Dash Sands, Bristol Channel. The Captain and crew were saved.

MEXICO.

In consequence of dissensions in the Mexican Cabinet Señor IZUNIAGA, Minister of Justice, has resigned. Congress closed on the 15th ult. The Speaker stated that both Congress and the President claimed the present the suitable time to assume the former relations with foreign Powers, or to form new relations, precedents to an interchange of representatives. He also denied that trouble was expected at the coming elections. The revolutionists were waiting and exiles were profiting by the amnesty.

CONGRESS.

The Senate was not in session yesterday. In the House the session was consumed mainly in debating the resolutions reported from the Committee on Foreign Affairs in reference to the dispute between Minister WASHBURN and the late Government of Paraguay. An additional resolution was offered censuring Fleet-Capt. RAMSAY and Lieut.-Commander KIRTLAND for going to the camp of LOPEZ, and acting with inquisitors who extorted false confessions from BLISS and MASTERMAN; and another, requesting the Secretary of the Navy to institute proceedings, by Court of Inquiry or Court-martial, for the trial of Admirals GODON and DAVIS for the offenses set forth in the report. Mr. WILLARD, a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, opposed the resolution of censure, and said that both the State and Navy Departments had complimented Admirals GODON and DAVIS for the manner in which they had performed their duties as Admirals of the South Atlantic Squadron. At the close of the debate Mr. WOOD moved to lay the whole subject on the table, but the House refused by 44 to 116. The resolution directing a Court of Inquiry was agreed to by 90 to 36, while that censuring Capt. RAMSEY, and Lieutenant-Commander KIRTLAND was rejected by 68 to 68. The resolution disapproving the conduct of Rear-Admiral DAVIS, in delaying to proceed to the rescue of Messrs. BLISS and MASTERMAN, in accepting the release in the manner and under the circumstances detailed in the testimony; in receiving, holding and treating them as prisoners, was adopted by 109 to 68. The resolution declaring that Admiral GODON, in neglecting to aid Mr. WASHBURN in reaching the Government to which he was accredited, failed to discharge his duty as commander of the South Atlantic Squadron, was adopted by 99 to 38. The other majority resolution was agreed to without division. Permission was asked to offer a resolution instructing the Secretary of the Navy to publish in general orders the resolutions of censure just adopted, but objection was made. A bill was reported to provide for the consolidation of the Indian tribes, and to organize a system of government in the Indian Territory, and was recommitted. A bill was introduced to create additional collection districts in Texas and to make the City of Sabine Pass a port of entry. After the introduction of other measures the House adjourned till to-day. The session will be devoted to general debate only.

GENERAL.

The steam-boat *H. S. Turner* sank on Wednesday, near Island No. 18, Mississippi River, having struck a sunken obstruction. No lives were lost.

A Philadelphia dispatch reports the revenue-cutter Mosse capsized at Reedy Island.

An entire block of business and other houses, in Plattsburg, Mo., were burned on Wednesday. The amount of the losses is not reported.

The Roman Catholics of Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday met to protest against Italian occupation of Rome. A procession formed one feature of the ceremonies. The Germans held a separate meeting, but adopted resolutions similar to those of the other meeting.

The death of Dr. WESLEY SHEAD, at Poughkeepsie, last night, in the seventy-first year of his age, is announced.

The testimony for the prosecution in the smuggling case against D. T. MILLS and others, in Boston, has closed, and the defense is now being presented. The trial has now lasted nine days.

The Secretary of the Treasury, yesterday, directed the Assistant Treasurer at New-York to redeem an additional $1,050,000 of three per cent. certificates, the interest on which shall cease Feb. 22. This makes $6,550,000 in all, called in.

The coin in the Treasury at the close of business yesterday was $100,329,000, including $27,000,000 in coin certificates. The currency was $22,720,000.

An Albany telegram says Gen. SAMUEL T. RICHARDS died at Warrensburg, N. Y., yesterday morning.

A fire occurred in the Beckel House, Dayton, Ohio, yesterday morning, damaging it to the amount of $10,000. Many of the guests had a narrow escape.

In the Supreme Court of California, on Friday, the briefs of Attorney-General HAMILTON and J. W. SANDERSON, in certain railroad cases, were thrown out, on the ground that they were disrespectful.

The Legislature of Indiana met in joint convention yesterday and the Governor's message was read.

Col. C. P. STEARNS has been nominated to fill the short term in the United States Senate from Minnesota, left vacant by the death of Senator NORTON.

Advices from Caracas to Dec. 24 confirm the statement that Maracaibo and the surrounding forts have surrendered, and say the entire Republic of Venezuela is in the hands of GUZMAN BLANCO.

The bark *Centaur*, from Liverpool, for New-York, with a cargo of hardware, has arrived at St. Thomas, W. I., leaking, and is discharging. The steamers are preparing to lay the telegraph cable to connect Porto Rico and Jamaica with Havana.

Republican Reorganization.

There are several very satisfactory statements in Mr. GREELEY's address on the occasion of his accepting the chairmanship of the Republican General Committee. He said, for instance: "I cannot afford to be identified with a faction; if I act at all it must be in the interest and with the approval of the entire party." This decision would lead us to suppose that Mr. GREELEY will not go on long without finding many things to object to in the course of men like MANIERRE, SMITH, and ANDREWS, who are receiving the devil's pay, and consequently, it is to be presumed, are doing the devil's work. That sort of hire is seldom given without due service for it being performed. Again, Mr. GREELEY gave the following pledge: "Let me here say frankly that I, for one, shall in no case dispute the authority, nor defy the mandates of the State Committee, even though it should direct that this Committee be disbanded or superseded." An assurance of this kind is only what we have a right to expect from one whose devotion to the Republican Party ought not to be questioned, although the wisdom of his judgment may be fairly open to suspicion, like that of every other public man.

The main point to be decided is whether, under present circumstances, men who are in the pay of Tammany are fit to take a leading and responsible part in directing the counsels of the Republican Party. There was a time, no doubt, when the question was of less importance than it is now. But Tammany, as we know it today, has forfeited all claim to be treated as a political organization, in the ordinary interpretation of those words. It is simply a vehicle for obstructing truly popular government, and enlarging the fortunes of half a dozen men. It is identified with fraudulent government, a corrupt judiciary, and a dishonest application of the public money. No one can doubt these facts. They have been admitted freely in Democratic journals, and time aggravates the evils rather than cures them. With Tammany, therefore, no true Republican can possibly have anything in common. If a Republican enters its service, it is because he has been unable to withstand the corrupt influences which an unlimited use of money has placed at the service of SWEENY and his friends. The harder a man works for Tammany, the further does he place himself outside his own party. No man can touch pitch and not be defiled. Now there are men on the Republican General Committee who have not scrupled to obey the orders of TWEED and SWEENY to the great detriment of their own party. During the recent elections SMITH and MANIERRE allowed the Police force to be used as an agent for suppressing the rights of Republican delegates to meet in the rooms where their conferences were to have been held. The room was, in more than one instance, taken possession of by SMITH and MANIERRE at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and when the Republican delegates appeared on the scene, they were contemptuously ordered off. If officials who performed this work are to be ranked as honest Republicans, we may as well admit at once that party lines have been completely broken down, and that there is no difference between HORACE GREELEY and PETER B. SWEENY.

The Tweed faction boasts that it can control the Republican General Committee, and in too many instances its boast has been justified. With Mr. GREELEY at the head of the Committee we might perhaps hope for better things, but it passes the powers of Mr. GREELEY himself to turn HANK SMITH and RUFUS ANDREWS into disinterested Republicans. The tiger cannot change its skin, nor the leopard its spots. With such material as this to work with, Mr. GREELEY cannot render the Committee what we would fain suppose he wishes it to be. But in his pledges quoted above, we have some sort of security for the future. The State Committee will be expected by the party to do its duty fearlessly, and to effect a reorganization on the only really sound basis—namely, the severance of all injurious connection with Tammany. The theory that there are friends of Mr. GREELEY who would form an alliance with anything and anybody in order to achieve their ultimate purpose of striking a blow at Gen. GRANT, we may for the present set aside. If the State Committee does its duty faithfully and wisely, it will reorganize the Republican General Committee, and Mr. GREELEY is pledged to submit to its decision. Under those circumstances, there ought not to be any fear of future troubles. The spirit of "concession" is not applicable to a crisis such as that in which we now find ourselves placed, and the State Committee will only have itself to thank if it allows the opportunity to escape of placing Republicans and Tammany Democrats in their natural positions—that, namely, of uncompromising foes.

Who Dare Attend a Meeting for Italian Liberty?

We printed a call, yesterday, for a public meeting to express sympathy with the freedom and unity of Italy, which should arouse every friend of free institutions throughout the land. We have already commented on the disgraceful fact that there have been many grand meetings, held in our large cities, to express sympathy for the Pope, but not one as yet to utter the voice of approval of the American people over one of the greatest events of the age in the history of liberty and progress. The causes of this hesitation and apparent coldness have been patent. They are of a like character with those which have obstructed this meeting. The truth is, there is an established Church and a ruling class in New-York and other large towns, but the Church is not Protestant, and the ruling class is not American.

We understand from good authority—and the fact is enough to make Americans blush for the manhood of their public men—that there has been the utmost difficulty in inducing any public man or statesman, from Mr. COLFAX, or even Mr. SUMNER, downward, to utter a word of sympathy for so stirring an event as the liberation of Rome and the unity of Italy, after more than a thousand years of separation and oppression, under one constitutional and free Government. Even our own eminent lawyers, whose tongues in more generous years thrilled our people's hearts with their eloquence over much less important events, turn the cold shoulder on this meeting; and have "engagements in the Supreme Court." Had a meeting been called by Mr. TWEED or Mayor HALL to express sympathy with some petty outbreak in Ireland, and the occupation of Dublin by an Irish Catholic force, it only for a few hours, no hall in the city could have been found large enough to contain the crowd, and every statesman and orator in the land would have been only too glad to lift up his voice for Irish liberty. No "engagements" in the Courts or the Senate would have prevented their prompt attendance. Or should Gov. HOFFMAN or Judge BARNARD call a French meeting, to celebrate the evacuation of France by the German forces, as related in some special dispatch of the *World's*, there would be no difficulty in securing the most eloquent speakers and the most distinguished men for the occasion.

The reasons of the difficulties which have prevented the influential Committee from obtaining more of our national orators for this occasion are sufficiently plain. They need no elaborate explanation. The established Church and the ruling class have no sympathy with a liberated Rome or a united Italy. They call the occupation of its capital by a nation "public robbery," and the overthrow of one of the most stupid, reactionary, and oppressive Governments of Europe an attack on public right and Christian morality. Unlike their liberal brethren in Italy and France, our religious rulers consider the temporal government of the Pope as indispensable to his priestly and spiritual influence. They long to see the ancient oppression of priests revived on the banks of the Tiber, and would be glad once more to have the necks of kings put beneath the feet of the haughty Pontiff. They know nothing of the long history of noble protests in the Catholic Church against the temporal power of the Popes. They are in no kind of sympathy with liberal Catholic Europe. A constitutional Italy is a terror to them, for their priests have instructed them that liberty means irreligion. A united Italian nation is a matter of indifference to their minds, unless the union be under priestcraft.

This great ruling class in the United States have, accordingly, let our politicians understand that a whisper of sympathy for Italian liberty will be the ruin of their Presidential aspirations, or their political ambition. Such a warning is enough. Not an American statesman, not one even possible candidate for the Presidency, will let a murmur be heard from his lips, breathing sympathy with a noble people regaining its rights, or a historic capital redeemed to liberty and progress. They all have "pressing engagements" in the Courts or the Senate. Now, we believe that this very fact, if it be well spread abroad, will so stir American manhood that the Academy of Music will be crowded from orchestra to dome with the very best of New-York on the evening of the meeting. The people can do without their politicians, and express the intense popular sympathy with Italy, without the so-called statesmen who have not pluck enough to lead them. Let New-York show that there is at least one assembly which neither the Established Church nor the Tammany Ring can control.

Social Life in California.

They seem to be reviving in California the bloody and lawless doings of twenty years ago. It has been the boast of the people of that beautiful State that such times could never be recalled. The turbulent and reckless society of '49-'56 was incidental, it was held, to novel and unparalleled circumstances. The absence of women, and so of the controlling influence of the home circle, the rough life of the mines, the absence of religious teaching, the fierce resolve to amass gold, were some of the many things that were thought, fairly enough, to palliate the excesses and brutalities of those early days. But now wives and mothers and school-houses and churches abound in the land. From Yerba Buena to Mount Shasta, from Marysville to Mariposa, may be found the homes and privileges of a long-settled community. Growth has been swift in California. Society has sprung from callow infancy to almost metropolitan maturity in a period wonderfully short. A genial climate, extraordinary mineral and agricultural products, a highly intelligent class of immigrants and the certainty of unique commercial importance, as possessing the great trading coast of the Pacific, the half-way station between New-York and Hong Kong, have given to California unequaled advantages.

The world has, therefore, looked to California for a moral and intellectual development corresponding with her material expansion. It is somewhat humiliating to find in recent events the evidence of retrogression rather than of progress. Crime, we regret to observe, is on the increase in the Golden State. The newspapers teem with reports of murders, robberies, and frauds. The old Vigilance Committee of San Francisco has been revived in various parts of the country. On the 17th of December a rising of this sort took place at Los Angeles. A citizen named JACOB BELL had been murdered by a man named LACHENMAIR. The homicide was taken from the jail by an armed organization and hanged. The Los Angeles *Star*, of the 18th ult., deliberately approves the action. It declares that for some time past the escape of criminals by legal process had become so common, and the perpetration of murders on the streets so frequent, that the people were driven to the conclusion that the great criminals could not be punished by law—were, in fact, above law. The Committee, on the 22d of December, issued a manifesto setting forth the purity of their motives, and alleging that the course pursued by them had become absolutely necessary for the protection of society. This is an exact copy of the course taken by the Old Vigilance Committee of San Francisco. The behavior of the accused, LACHENMAIR, also recalls the old scenes. He died affirming his innocence, and protesting that if he had not killed BELL he would himself have been killed.

Further North, a formidable gang of burglars and incendiaries is said to have just been broken up. The Sacramento *Union*, of Dec. 19, says that their operations have extended from the Spring of 1869 down to the present time. Twenty-eight cases of robbery and arson are charged against this party alone; and among the mountains and the fastnesses of the mining regions, several bands of brigands are reported to exist and to carry on their trade unmolested. It may be said that the formation of vigilance committees, and the breaking up of gangs of thieves, augur social improvement rather than the reverse. We must remember, however, that these proceedings have been brought about by long catalogues of crime, which may thus, in themselves, be brought to a tardy end, but which too plainly indicate similar rotten conditions in other localities.

Crimes against the person seem to be more numerous than ever all over California. The Sacramento *Union* of Dec. 15 contains an account of the death of CHARLES R. FISHER, business manager of the *Reporter*, another journal of the same city, at the hand of a man named DELL. DELL was in love with FISHER's daughter, and his suit was distasteful to the father. The two came into collision, and FISHER was shot dead. But a few days ago we recorded the assassination in California of Mr. CRITTENDEN by Mrs. FAIR, in the presence of the victim's wife and children; the murder of a supposed rival by a husband in the open street, while the wretched occasion of the crime sat calmly by at a window and looked on; the assassination of a woman by her lover, because she refused to marry him; and other similar if less striking cases. All this, as we have previously felt called upon to say, argues the existence in California of an amount of corruption—not among the less fortunate classes alone, but among the rich and educated as well—which is mournful to see, and is ominous of fresh wickedness and misery to come. It is time that the moral and law-respecting population of California should awaken to a consciousness of the shocking discredit brought upon their State by the continual repetition of these atrocities. Vigilance committees, however they may be excused by exceptional circumstances, are but superficial remedies for the evils at which they strike; and, being as lawless as the misdeeds they aim to punish, are almost sure to be followed—as has been the case with the San Francisco Committee—by troublesome litigation and reprisals. The breaking up of a nest of thieves after a successful career of many months, and the perpetration of crimes by the score, offers but slender hope of protection to the majority of those whose property may be coveted by future robbers. The maladies of Californian society evidently require something better than skin-deep cures, and the intelligent people of that State cannot make too much haste to discover and apply them.

A Snake Story.

To the proprietors of the side-shows of traveling circuses, and to that intelligent rural population whose eyes distend and whose pockets open before their mishapen wonders, there has come of late abundance of good things. Whether it is that the almost-forgotten tidal wave, with its unwelcome train of floods, and earth-shakings, and tornadoes, has disordered the staid procession of things, or that Nature has had a violent reaction from the monotony of her usual routine, certain it is that the last few months have developed such a succession of choice monstrosities as would serve to stock a museum. Calves with too many legs, and dogs with not enough, have, indeed, grown so familiar as to be objects of contempt, while the most acephalous rooster, or the most attenuated living skeleton, has no longer any charm for the satiated sight-seer. A horse with two tails, even, has proved so ignominious a failure in San Francisco, that he has been degraded from the proud pre-eminence of a side-show to the infamy of a street-car. But California has better than this to offer in that remarkable transparent lizard, lately rescued alive and well from one of her petrified trees, after a confinement of several centuries. This, it will be seen, is quite superior to the familiar rock-imbedded toad, and, exhibited with a section of the tree, would undoubtedly prove a great attraction.

Then there is the child without any arms or legs, and the child with two heads, who have lately gladdened their appreciative parents and the newspapers in the West. If these should fail to draw, the Tennessee sleeping girl might doubtless be induced to sleep for the public amusement, and when even her charms lose their potency, Cape Cod will furnish the drowning, irresistible delight of a snake child. If we believe the enthusiastic physician who communicates this discovery to the Boston *Herald*, the classic fable of *Lamia*, and Dr. HOLMES' curious speculations in *Elsie Venner* are here fairly realized. This interesting infant is three months old, and "has more the general appearance of a human being in the outlines of the body than in the head and limbs, though the shoulder blade is wanting or very unlike the natural one." The eyes are particularly pleasing, being "large, snakish, elongated, protruding and much in motion." The tongue is slightly forked at the tip, very "thick and active," and the nose "looks snakish." There are two soft places on the head, which "resembles the back of a turtle," and two cavities over the eyes. "The face has a natural expression," but—and here we must confess to a slight feeling of disappointment—"rather snakish" only. As a partial compensation, however, we learn that the three middle toes of each foot "are inclosed in a kind of sheath, a thick skin and some flesh, all terminating," singularly enough, "at the ends in one broad and large nail, inclining downward like a half tube." "This nail," it is consoling to know, "and, indeed, those of both the hands and feet," and probably all the other nails of this pleasing child, "have a decidedly snakish look." A snake with nails is certainly a novelty. And we are quite reassured at finding not only that his "aspect is snakish," as well as "his appearance and movements," and that "the general appearance of the hand is wonderfully suggestive of the snake," but that "the little fellow," unlike other little fellows, "seemed unwilling to have his hands held long enough to have them examined, making one feel that he was handling a snake." There is a trifling uncertainty here as to whether it was the doctor or the little fellow who felt that he was handling a snake. That, however, is unimportant. The general balance of snakishness is evidently on the side of the little fellow, and we can quite understand the worthy physician's "kind of shuddering," and "wish to withdraw from" his snaky presence.

We have not told half the beauties of this delightful monstrosity, but we have doubtless said enough to make all our readers long for a sight of its unique excellence. The strict enforcement of the Prohibitory Liquor law in Massachusetts forbids any possible suspicions of evil-minded scoffers with respect to the source of the snakiness observed by our informant, and we trust to see this charming child speedily brought into that commanding notice to which its merits clearly entitle it.

MINOR TOPICS.

A bewildering task awaits the historian of the Franco-German war. In spite of the late prevalence of diplomatic mendacity, "as like a bulletin" still bids fair to retain its proverbial significance. "This time the enemy will not deny your victory," says Gen. FAIDHERBE in a very confident manner. "Near Bapaume the enemy began a retreat which soon became disastrous to them," asserts, no less decidedly, Gen. MANTEUFFEL. Without attempting to decide between two eminently respectable authorities, it may be noted that the circumstantial details given from the French side, make the balance of probability incline that way.

The left wing of the French Army of the North has evidently suffered a defeat which may tend to counterbalance the victory gained by their right at Bapaume. The reverse is not, however, one of which the French need be ashamed. They defended their attacked position for an entire day, and even when compelled to retreat, left only three cannon and five hundred prisoners with the Prussians. Victories of this kind are what Germany cannot afford to go on obtaining for an indefinite time. And even could she do so, it is tolerably obvious that they would hardly be forthcoming, since the raw troops who can fight like this after a few weeks of service, may fairly be expected to turn out rather formidable opponents at the end of a few months.

Some of the English papers are getting prematurely jubilant over the progress of revenue reform in the United States. Coming wealth and prosperity for the manufacturing towns are predicted from the approaching discomfiture of protection. The British theorists seem disposed to ignore the fact, that a gradualed and discriminating reduction of our tariff duties will unloose the bonds of industry here almost as quickly as it opens our markets to foreign producers. "Free traders" are hardly the power here which their English friends take them to be, and it is one of the first positions of revenue reformers that native industry needs to be as much delivered from its friends as protected from foreign competition. Manchester and Lowell may meet on fair terms in a different sense from that which English journalists appear to think possible.

The Woman Suffrage Society finds great difficulty in bringing together a quorum of members. Sunday influences, incidental to the season, may doubtless help to account for this, but there is also an element of unquestionable apathy in the repeated thinness of their meetings. Could the ladies not be induced to try the experiment of taking up some more practical and attainable reform of the condition of the sex? We are quite willing to concede to them that enfranchisement must be kept in view as the fundamental principle of woman's rights; but, failing the possibility of maintaining a lively interest in it, even among themselves, something rather less fundamental might be attempted. For example, the education of women, using that word in its widest sense, is in a fearfully crude condition. Female tuition as at present administered, is taken in—not assimilated; and girls no sooner enter on the responsible duties of life, than they disembarrass their minds of most of their previous cramming, and find exceedingly little left of any practical utility to them. This ought to be a vital enough subject for the lady reformers.

Lectures, it appears, are decreasing in popularity, and are, consequently, becoming uncommunicative. We cannot find in this circumstance much reason for regret. Even under their most favorable aspect of diversifying the dreary tedium of Winter life in country towns, they must stand responsible for being one of the most agencies in ministering to the intellectual shallowness of the age. For one man who is driven to the full investigation of a subject by hearing a lecture upon it, there are at least twenty who depart with the complacent consciousness of having mastered it, and are, in virtue of this conviction, more intensely ignorant than before. A certain class of lecturers always will be successful, and they include those whom people go to hear because of the reputation they have earned in other fields of effort, and those in whom the mimetic power is so highly developed as to make the entertainment a compromise between a lecture and a play.

When the great romancist of the future turns up he will have no reason to complain of the paucity of materials. The unknown prisoner of the Sixth Precinct Station-house forms the latest addition to our increasing store of local mysteries. One of the condemned in the pre-revolutionary Bastille could not have been more rigorously secluded or mysteriously screened from public inquiry than the poor man who has been kept incarcerated for some three months without accusation or trial. Being interrogated through the bars of his cell, this mysterious culprit appears to be in possession of all his senses, but declines to tell his name, or to reveal any details of his life, which is as much a mystery as his confinement. Have we no Dumas to immortalize this unfortunate?

The Rulloff trial, which opened yesterday, promises to be remarkable as a revelation of a veritable criminal romance, and as affording striking evidence of detective sagacity. As its outset it has proved notable for a very sensible ruling made by the Presiding Judge (HOGEBOOM) with reference to the selection of jurymen. The Court of Binghamton has learned a fact of which the New-York Bench has for the most part ignored the existence, and that is that to find an intelligent jury who had not read about and discussed the merits of a case of great public interest, is a simple impossibility. The rule that "when a juror is found to have no settled opinion of the merits of the case, and declares himself to be without bias or prejudice, he is competent, notwithstanding any opinion he may have previously formed or expressed," is one that the City would do well to learn from the State.

The London representatives of English working men, in mass-meeting assembled, send an address to the artisans of the United States. The document is somewhat incoherent, and shows an amount of confidence in the generous impulses of British statesmanship which does more credit to the hearts than to the heads of the signers. The possibility of England going to war for "the maintenance of freedom and justice" in Europe is calmly discussed, and American citizens are entreated not to hamper this divine mission by an inopportune urging of the *Alabama* claims. The lately enfranchised artisans of London have used their political observation to very little purpose if they imagine it likely that any conceivable Government in England will go to war for anything short of the defense of assailed national honor, or territorial interests. Whether or not it can fairly be expected to do so, is an open question; that it will not, does not admit of doubt. France, even at her lowest ebb of freedom, could go to war for an "idea;" but the championship of oppressed nationalities has brought her so little profit that no other people is likely to attempt it.

The Greatly Afflicted City—How Richmond Has Suffered.

From the Richmond Dispatch, Jan. 2.

At the opening of this new year it is not without mournful interest to look back at the great disasters that have befallen Richmond since it became a city. In 1811 the theatre on Broad-street, where the Monumental Church now stands, was destroyed by fire, and seventy-two persons, including the Governor of Virginia, were burned to death. During the war, besides the sufferings usual in a besieged city, the ammunition factory on Brown's Island exploded in 1863, killing thirty-three young girls and six males, including Rev. J. H. WOODCOCK, engaged there. In 1865, at the evacuation, nearly the entire business portion of the city was destroyed by fire. In 1868, at a political celebration on Mayo's Island, the bridge broke down, killing Col. JAMES R. BRANCH, one of our first citizens, and four other persons. The year 1870 was thick with disasters. In April, the roof of the Court-room at the Capitol gave way, killing fifty-eight, and wounding over thirty. A few months afterward, a large portion of the city was submerged by flood, causing great destruction of property; and on Christmas morning, the Spotswood Hotel, with the valuable block of buildings adjoining, were destroyed by fire, and eight persons being burned to death, besides four never heard from, and supposed to have shared the same fate.

But it is a comfort to us all to know that these disasters have never cast down our people, and that they still look hopefully for prosperity to Him of whom the Psalmist has said: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him."

WEST POINT.

The Case of the Colored Cadet—Another Postponement—Nature of the Charges Against Smith and His Defense—Some Ludicrous Charges—The Members of the Court.

From Our Special Correspondent.

WEST POINT, Friday, Jan. 6, 1871.

The second day's session of the Court-martial opened this morning at 11 o'clock. After the reading of the minutes of the previous session the room was again closed to enable the Court to deliberate in secret upon points of law. At its reopening, Judge-Advocate GARDNER announced that Lieut. WM. S. STARKING, one of the most important witnesses in the case of Cadet SMITH, had been suddenly sealed away, and would not return until to-night. He requested that an adjournment might be made until to-morrow morning, and this was agreed to. A rumor is prevalent that Lieut. STARKING's sudden departure is for the purpose of securing the return of the three cadets who ran away on Wednesday night. It is said that if they submit to a trial their offense may not be held as imperdonable, and an opportunity may be given them for the restoration of their lost Academy prestige. Various circumstances go to prove that the members of the present Court-martial are resolved to give Cadet SMITH a fair trial. In fact, so many rumors have been blown to the contrary, that it is probable the accused will probably be allowed more than the usual degree of latitude.

SMITH'S MISDEMEANOR.

The facts of the case, as will appear in evidence, are quite curious and amusing. It seems that when a guard was forming on the barrack porch the order was given: "dress to the right; eyes to the right." The reporting officer complained that SMITH did not "dress his eyes" to the right but to the opposite direction. In his written explanation SMITH declares that Cadet HEDGESPETH at his left stepped upon his toe, which caused him to turn quickly toward that side. HEDGESPETH strenuously denies such proximity to SMITH's toe, and proposes to show the impossibility of such an occurrence happening under the watchful eyes of the officers in front and rear of the line, without instant detection. An examination of the "book of delinquencies," kept in the commandant's office, reveals the fact that SMITH was only one of nearly fifty others reported on the same date, Dec. 12. This book contains the entire list of names of delinquents, nature of their offenses, and the name of the officer reporting them.

QUEER COMPLAINTS.

It is no more than just to say that there seems to be "no respecter of persons" among these reporting officers. For instance the name of Cadet GRANT, (son of the President,) frequently appears. One entry against him is, "punishment disobedience of orders." Another is, "laughing in ranks." Military discipline requires particularity in the "minutiæ" of duty. The following are specimens of some of the minor of complaints: "Scratching nose in ranks," (caused by a provoking mosquito;) "coughing and coughing unnecessarily," "cock-eiled (worked in trousers)," "pants on top of boots;" "raising his hands in rear of line," (caused, as explanation says, by "bug in ear;" "stamping in ranks." Although these little points may look as nothing to outsiders, military disciplinarians understand their value. As a whole, they present a comic picture of the laxness of regular military life.

THE COURT.

The personnel of the Court indicates an extraordinary degree of experience, candor and impartiality. The President, Col. CHAS. ROSS, of the Third Artillery, is a resident instructor of artillery tactics at the United States Military Academy at West Point, and is one of the most accomplished officers in the army, without exception. He entered the Third Artillery as Brevet Second Lieutenant, in July, 1836, at the West Point Military Academy, was Colonel of volunteers during the late war, and was brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel in the regular army. Although a despotic martinet in drill or on duty, he is most genial and courteous off duty. The senior member, Capt. HENRY M. LAZELLE, of the Eighth Artillery, entered as Brevet Second Lieutenant, First Infantry, in July, 1836. During the war he was brevetted Major in the regular army. He has been on service in North Carolina and Georgia since then. Capt. THOMAS WILLIAMS, of the Fifth Artillery, graduated as Second Lieutenant of the Fourth Artillery in July, 1856; was brevetted Lieutenant-Colonel in the regular army. For five years past he has been Assistant Professor of Mathematics at West Point. Capt. HENRY DUPONT, of the Fifth Artillery, graduated as Brevet Second Lieutenant of Engineers on the 6th of May, 1852. He was made Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel in the regular army, and now commands the light battery at Fort Adams, Newport. Capt. FREDERICK D. GRUNDY, (son of Rev. Dr. GRUNDY, of Trinity Church, New-York,) entered the civil life in July, 1861, as First Lieutenant of the Fifteenth Infantry, on the 14th of May, 1865; has been brevetted twice, is Major, and has long been on duty in North and South Carolina and Georgia, where he did excellent service in suppressing guerrilla raids. Capt. ALFRED MOORE, First Lieut. S. H. TOTTEN, a handsome and gallant officer of the Thirteenth Infantry, graduated as Second Lieutenant of the Sixteenth Infantry June 20, 1867, now is now on duty as Assistant Professor of Drawing at West Point. First Lieut. JOHN BURNHAM, of Vermont, entered from the Second Lieutenant of Volunteers, on the 11th of May, 1863. During the war he was made Major of Volunteers, and served on the staffs of Gens. SHERMAN and WHEATON. First Lieut. ABA R. GARDNER, Judge-Advocate of the Court, is now of the First Artillery, entered from the Second Lieutenant of Engineers in July, 1866. He was formerly a counselor of law in New-York. His record is brilliant, and his character most excellent. All these gentlemen act with the most strangest conscientiousness, and will undoubtedly deal out justice to the best of their ability.

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WASHINGTON.

Secretary Boutwell and the Pacific Railroads—The Paraguayan Debate in the House—Admirals Davis and Godon Censured—Farewell Dinner to Gen. Schenck—The San Domingo Committee.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The action of the Secretary of the Treasury in regard to the collection of interest from the Pacific Railroads, and the reasons therefor, have been somewhat misapprehended. The matter arose in this wise. The Controller of the Treasury notified the railroads that they must pay up, and they responded by denying their liability until the maturity of their bonds. This raised a question which the Secretary had not contemplated, but which, being raised, he was nevertheless bound to have determined. He therefore referred the matter to the Attorney-General for a legal opinion, and that officer decided, not that the roads must pay whether able to do so or not, but that they were liable for the interest as fast as it accrued. Had the roads in the first instance admitted their liability but stated their inability to meet the obligations all at once, it is probable that some arrangement might have been made for the gradual payment of the overdue interest. The several propositions to meet the difficulty which have been broached in Congress are not inspired by the Secretary of the Treasury, who has done nothing beyond the legal opinion of the Attorney-General.

ADMIRALS DAVIS AND GODON CENSURED.

The debate on the Paraguayan resolutions in the House stirred up much more interest today, and was finally closed by the adoption of the report of the majority of the Committee of Foreign Affairs censuring Admirals DAVIS and GODON, by a vote of 109 to 68. An amendment, offered by Mr. FARNSWORTH, directing the Secretary of the Navy to order a court-martial for those officers who also agreed to, though it certainly does seem ridiculous for the House to pronounce those officers guilty of a neglect of duty and then order a court-martial for them. The Secretary of the Navy will probably so regard it. The House resolution in this respect has no more binding force than a mere suggestion.

FAREWELL DINNER TO GEN. SCHENCK.

The Committee of Ways and Means, today, did no other business than to arrange for a farewell dinner to be given to their late associate, Gen. SCHENCK, at WORMLEY'S, on Wednesday night. To this dinner will be invited the President, Secretary of State, Secretary of the Treasury, the Finance Committee of the Senate, the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. It is expressly understood that Gen. SCHENCK is not to say anything relating to his mission. Judge OATES met with the Committee today for the first time.

THE SAN DOMINGO RESOLUTIONS.

The House Committee on Foreign Affairs agreed, today, to take a vote on the San Domingo resolutions on Monday next. The vote will stand five for the resolutions to four against, Mr. WILKINSON as absent. Were he here there would be two majority for the resolutions.

REPORT ON BARRACKS AND HOSPITALS.

A volume has just issued from the Government printing office, which contains a report on the barracks and hospitals of the United States Army, with a description of the principal military posts of the United States. The volume is of quarto size. The report on barracks and hospitals covers thirty-three pages, and states in interesting detail what experience shows is demanded in the construction of these buildings. It is from the pen of Dr. JOHN S. BILLINGS, Assistant Surgeon United States Army. The description of posts covers 68 pages, and is compiled from special reports made by medical officers of the army, which reports were made under instructions from the Surgeon-General's office during 1869. This compilation was edited also by Dr. BILLINGS. The information contained, beside being of interest to the medical profession generally, will be of great use to the medical officers of the army, in affording to anyone assigned a new post the hygienic condition peculiar to it. An appendix contains a report on the examination of air in barracks, by Dr. R. F. CRAIG, of the army. A circular comes with the volume, giving the plans and specifications for post hospitals, approved by the Surgeon-General. The plans are in accordance with the report of Dr. BILLINGS.

Dispatch to the Associated Press.

LIGHT IN CHARLESTON HARBOR.

The Light-house Board give official notice that on and after the 10th day of February, 1871, the light on Sullivan's Island, Charleston Harbor, S. C., will be shown from an inclosed frame beacon on a two-story frame dwelling, 100 feet east of Fort Moultrie and 1,000 feet north-west of its present position. The dwelling and beacon will be painted white. The character of the light, its height above the sea level, and its complete range of visibility, will not be changed.

THE SAN DOMINGO COMMISSION.

Notwithstanding the apparent adverse vote in the Committee on Foreign Affairs, yesterday, on Gen. BANKS' San Domingo resolutions, that gentleman is confident that it or one similar to that of the Senator's will pass the House. It would appear from the representation of prominent friends of annexation that at least two Democrats of the House will vote for the appointment of a commission. The reports about the appointment of the Commission before final action on the pending proposition are authoritatively denied. If it shall be passed next week in concurrent form, the names of the Commissioners will be immediately announced, and the vessel now in waiting convey them to San Domingo. It is thought that they can obtain all the information desired in a few weeks, and return to Washington in time for Congress to take action on the subject before the adjournment of the present session.

REDEMPTION OF CERTIFICATES.

The Secretary of the Treasury today directed the Assistant Treasurer at New-York to redeem an additional $1,000,000 of 3 per cent. certificates as follows: $5,000 each of all outstanding certificates between the Nos. 500 and 610 inclusive, and $10,000 each of all outstanding certificates between 300 and 500 inclusive. The interest on the same is to cease on Feb. 28, at which time they will be no longer available as a portion of the lawful money reserve in possession of any national bank. This will make in all $6,650,000 called in.

TREASURY BALANCES.

The coin in the Treasury at the close of business today, was $100,300,000, including $27,000,000 in coin certificates. The currency balance was $22,320,000.

SENOR ROMERTE AND SAN DOMINGO.

A report has been circulating that the Spanish Minister is actively engaged through his agents and emissaries in opposing the annexation of San Domingo. There is no foundation, whatever, for the report. It is known that the Minister takes no part, whatever, in the controversy.

THE CENTRAL RAILROAD TAX CASE.

The postponement of the hearing in the case of the New-York Central Railroad scrip dividend tax was consented to by the law department of the Treasury only on the ground of Attorney-General AKERMAN'S absence, and in order that the railroad may present any evidence they have to Mr. AKERMAN on his return to Washington.

FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Friday, Jan. 6.

Mr. WHITMORE, of South Carolina, introduced a bill to create an additional collection district in Texas, and to make the City of Sabine Pass a port of entry; and a bill relating to the survey of the Neches and Angelina Rivers, in Texas.

MR. WASHBURN AND ADMIRALS GODON AND DAVIS.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolutions reported by the Committee on Foreign Affairs in reference to the dispute between Minister WASHBURN and the late Government of Paraguay.

Mr. SARGENT, of California, advocated the resolution, and denounced the sanguinary character of the late President LOPEZ.

Mr. BECK, of Kentucky, also supported the resolution, and criticised severely the action of Admirals GODON and DAVIS.

Mr. DAWES, of Massachusetts, regretted the necessity of voting on the resolution censuring Admirals GODON and DAVIS, but said that he could not vote "no" without approving their conduct, and he could not in his heart say that he did approve it.

Mr. BARRY, of Massachusetts, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, said that the resolution had been drawn very mild by the Committee, and did not amount to a censure on any naval officer. The language was, that these officers had failed to discharge their duty. The reason why they failed to discharge their duty was the fault of the Navy Department, and it was against the policy of the Department that the Committee on Foreign Affairs protested most solemnly. On that point he quoted from the testimony of Admiral PORTER, showing that naval officers may disregard the advice of United States Ministers, and not be governed by it unless they had instructions from the Navy Department. He also quoted the following paragraph from Admiral PORTER'S testimony:

"We look upon it that a Minister is sent abroad to preserve peace, and not to make war, and naval officers having so much intercourse with the world consider that they are, perhaps, as well informed about diplomatic matters as persons who have entered upon their diplomatic duties for the first time. I do not pretend that it is different. They are educated for the diplomatic profession, and a British naval officer, in many cases, is put under the orders of a Minister. In case we had any difficulty with a foreign Power, the Navy Department would instruct the Admiral at that place to co-operate with the Minister in that particular case."

Mr. BANKS went on to say that the Committee did not censure Admiral GODON nor Admiral DAVIS, but censured the practice and policy of the Navy Department, which set itself up against the State Department—against the Government of the country, and assumed to hold itself the judge of what should be done for American citizens in foreign countries.

Mr. MAYNARD, of Tennessee, offered an additional resolution censuring Fleet-Captain RAMSEY and Lieutenant-Commander KIRKLAND for going to the camp of Lopez and conferring with negotiators, who entertained false conclusions from BLISS and MASTERMAN, an act in which they were guilty of a grave offense, dishonoring to the American navy, and to the country, and for which they merits the censure of the House. He spoke in support of the resolutions.

Mr. FARNSWORTH, of Illinois, offered an additional resolution requesting the Secretary of the Navy to institute proceedings by Court of Inquiry or court-martial for the trial of Admirals GODON and DAVIS for the offenses described in the report. He said that if those officers had only carried out the order of their chief, then these resolutions should not be passed; no matter how mild they were; they should not be even mildly censured, but should be commended for doing their duty.

Mr. WOOD, of New-York, referred to the whole matter as a mere controversy between individuals, and argued that the whole trouble grew out of the vexatious and indefinite system of laws governing the relations between the diplomatic and naval officers of the Government. Under these circumstances he did not wish the House to pass censure on either party. If the officers of the navy had been wrong, they should be court-martialed; but for the House of Representatives to sit as a court of inquiry, and punish naval officers without having all the testimony and facts before it, was wrong in principle and dangerous in practice. He was, therefore, in favor of laying the whole subject on the table, and he hoped the House would take that course.

Mr. WILLARD, of Vermont, a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, argued against the resolutions of censure. He informed the House that Admirals GODON and DAVIS had been complimented by both the State and Navy Departments for the manner in which they had performed their duties as Admirals of the South Atlantic Squadron. He had been in the power of the Committee of Foreign Affairs to report resolutions censuring the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Navy, and even the President of the United States for having sanctioned the instructions under which those officers act, but the Committee had chosen not to do that, but to make these officers responsible. In his judgment this subordinate officer who obeyed his instructions was entitled to consideration and to acquittal. If the instructions were wrong, the censure should be visited on the superior officers who issued them.

Mr. BANKS repeated the remark that the resolutions did not censure Admirals GODON and DAVIS.

Mr. WILLARD replied that if the gentleman's (Mr. BANKS') own name was mentioned in the same connection, he would be very apt to regard it as a resolution of censure.

Mr. MYERS, of Pennsylvania, another member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, said he had voted in Committee for the majority resolutions, and that they did mean to censure Admiral GODON. If they did not do that he certainly should not have voted for them. He certainly should not vote for them as censuring the Navy Department for instructions which he had never approved.

Mr. VOORHEES, of Indiana, said he would vote for the resolutions because he had been long impressed with the fact that the foreign policy of the Government was weak and contemptible, and wished it reformed. He wanted to have something else to which the country could point with pride beside the Martin Koszta affair. He did not want the navy to live forever on the fame acquired in rescuing one citizen from foreign oppression and outrage.

Mr. ELDRIDGE, of Wisconsin, opposed the resolution, and said, that the conclusion he had arrived at was, that neither Minister WASHBURN nor Admirals GODON and DAVIS should be censured by the House. Was the House of Representatives to be constituted a court of justice to determine on the acts of those parties, long after the time had passed? If these officers had violated any law they were entitled to a fair trial before the proper tribunal. He denounced this as the most outrageous proceeding that had ever been conceived in any legislative body.

Mr. MUNGEN, of Ohio, did not look upon the proceeding as a trial of those naval officers, but as a declaration of public policy on the part of the House. He would, therefore, vote for the resolutions.

Mr. OTTO, of Indiana, closed the discussion, and appealed to the House to adopt the resolutions, and thereby vindicate the honor of the Government.

Mr. WOOD, of New-York, moved to lay the whole subject on the table.

The House refused to lay the resolutions on the table—yeas 44, nays 116. The resolution offered by Mr. FARNSWORTH, directing a court of inquiry for the trial of Admirals GODON and DAVIS, was agreed to by 90 to 26. The resolution offered by Mr. MAYNARD, censuring Fleet-Captain RAMSEY and Lieut.-Commander KIRKLAND, was rejected by 86 to 60. The resolution offered by Mr. PETTIS, disapproving the conduct of Rear-Admiral CHAS. H. DAVIS, in delaying for an unreasonable time to proceed to the rescue of Messrs. BLISS and MASTERMAN, in accepting their release in the manner and under the circumstances detailed in the testimony, in receiving, holding and treating them as prisoners, was adopted—yeas 100, nays 62. The resolution offered by Mr. SWANN, of Maryland, as a substitute for those of the majority, were rejected, only 14 voting in the affirmative. The resolution reported by the Committee declaring that Admiral GODON, in neglecting to aid Mr. WASHBURN in reaching the Government to which he was accredited, failed to discharge his duty as Commander of the South Atlantic Squadron, was adopted by 89 to 80. The other majority resolutions were agreed to without a division.

Mr. CORNER asked leave to offer a resolution instructing the Secretary of the Navy to publish, in general orders, the resolutions of censure adopted today on Admirals GODON and DAVIS.

Mr. HOOPER, of Massachusetts, objected.

INDIAN CONSOLIDATION.

Mr. VAN HORN, from the Committee on Indian Affairs, reported a bill to provide for the consolidation of the Indian tribes, and to organize a system of government in the Indian Territory. Recommitted.

HOMESTEADS FOR SOLDIERS.

Mr. JULIAN, of Indiana, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Public Lands to inquire into the expediency of providing by law that every officer, soldier or sailor who served ninety days in the war for the Union, and was honorably discharged, shall receive 160 acres of public land as a homestead; his actual term of service to count as part of the five years required by the Homestead act of 1862. Adopted.

ERIE HARBOR.

Mr. SCOFIELD offered a resolution in regard to establishing a light-house at Presque Isle, Erie Harbor, Penn. Referred.

The House then, at 4 o'clock P. M., adjourned; the session of to-morrow to be for general debate only.

The Gumbleton Murder at Chicago—Additional Particulars—The Deceased Four Days Locked in a Room.

From the Chicago Tribune, Jan 5.

As was supposed, M. W. GUMBLETON, whose body was found in the lake basin, near the foot of Adams-street, on Monday last, was murdered for his money. Coroner STEVENS telegraphed to the firm of BLAKE BROS. & Co., bankers, No. 52 Wall-street, New-York, where he at one time had his money on deposit, for information regarding him. A reply was received, yesterday, that they had sent him a draft on the Commercial National Bank of Chicago for $6,000. Inquiry at the bank resulted in learning that he presented the draft for payment on the morning of the 12th of December, a man named MILLS identifying him as M. W. GUMBLETON. A telegram was sent to BLAKE BROS. & Co., and an answer came that the draft was correct. Mr. GUMBLETON drew $100, and received a certificate of deposit for $7,900. In the afternoon he drew the $7,900, and as was ascertained from the janitor, went to his room, No. 26 in the building No. 122 Dearborn-street, and remained there with the door locked for four days. On the 19th of December he paid two weeks' rent, having occupied the room for that time; sent three boxes containing clothing to the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad depot, and went away. He was not seen again until found in the basin. Whether he was murdered on the train, or on the street, robbed and thrown into the water, is, of course, unknown. There are numberless theories as to how he met his death, but none of them are plausible enough to warrant repetition. What business Mr. GUMBLETON was engaged in, or whether he has any family living, has not yet been ascertained; but the fact of his murder having been telegraphed all over the country, it cannot be long before something is heard from his friends. He is not an Englishman, as his name would imply, and as was thought by those who saw him, but a German. While rooming on Dearborn-street, several letters from Germany came for him. These letters cannot be found. If they could, they would probably reveal something regarding him. The Mr. MILLS referred to does not know anything about him, only that he had been negotiating to purchase a farm of him (MILLS.) His having three large boxes of clothing has led to the inference that he intended to engage in the clothing business at Manhattan, Kansas, whither they were shipped. There is any quantity of conjecture and speculation regarding him indulged in, but it is so unsatisfactory and hypothetical as to be unworthy of recital. Detectives are at work on the case, with but little hope of success, as there is no starting point, the circumstance attending the murder being so covered up as to preclude suspicion, and render the task of discovering the assassins impossible.

ICE-BOATING ON THE HUDSON.

Preparations for the Winter Sport—Formation of a New Club—Magnificent New Ice-Boats—A Regatta Probable.

From Our Own Correspondent.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Friday, Jan. 6, 1871.

The ice-boatmen of the Hudson River are making active preparations for that novel Winter sport. Already far up the river, at Tivoli, Germantown, Catskill and Athens, the ice-boating is splendid, and a number of boats daily slide about the river with lightning rapidity. While the sport is carried on above in an unorganized manner, with boats of rough build and uncouth in model, here everything connected with the pastime is of the best. Perhaps, however, at New-Hamburg the best organized system prevails. There an organization exists known as "The New-Hamburg Ice-Boat Club." It was formed last Winter, and is already, in point of regulation, discipline and vigor, far ahead of its contemporary. "The Poughkeepsie Ice-Boat Association." Its officers are as follows:

Commodore, IRVING GRINNELL; Secretary, FRANCIS WILLIS; Treasurer, JOHN R. LAWSON; Measurer, ABRAHAM VAN WYCK.

The boats belonging to the Club are eight in number, and all of them splendid ones. Their names and owners are as follows:

Flying Cloud, owned by IRVING GRINNELL; *Qui Vive*, F. WILLIS; *Phantom*, M. and A. VAN WYCK; *Quicksilver*, W. LE ROY; *Vesper*, DRAKE and LAWSON; *Meteor*, W. A. LAWSON; *Wild*, IRVING GRINNELL; *Daisy*, J. LOSEE, Jr.

The flag of the Club is a crimson swallow-tail burgee, bisected by a white diagonal stripe, containing the initials of the Club in blue. The Association has adopted the following:

Resolved, That in addition to a regular annual regatta to be confined to its own members, the Club shall challenge the Poughkeepsie Ice-Boat Association to a race for the championship.

Resolved, That in view of the inequality of races between large and small boats, and the certainty of the latter's defeat, there be a classification of boats according to dimensions into first and second classes; that all boats of the first class be excluded from entering against those of the second class, but the boats of the latter may, at the option of their owners, compete for either prize.

The above challenge to the Poughkeepsie Ice-Boat Association may possibly receive attention, but it cannot unless the challenged party becomes better organized than it is now. The Poughkeepsie Association has all the material for success, if such material could be properly brought into play; but it is a proverbial fact that its boats start for a race always after the best ice-boating condition of the Hudson is wiped out, by either heavy rains or snow. The Poughkeepsie fleet numbers nine magnificent boats, as follows:

Restless, owned by D. H. BOOTH, Commodore of the fleet; *Icicle*, (entirely new,) owned by Mr. JOHN ROSEWELT; *Onea*, by AARON INGERS; *Snow Squall*, T. V. JOHNSTON; *Hiawatha*, by AARON INGERS; *Nonpareil*, by C. FULLERTON; *Ice King*, (entirely new,) by T. V. JOHNSTON; *Flying Dutchman*, by THEO. VAN KLEECK, and *Snow Flake*, by THOMAS PARISH.

Any of the above boats can go a mile a minute, and some of them faster. They are the best-rigged ice-boats in the world. The Poughkeepsie Club has already purchased a costly silver pitcher, which will soon be offered as a prize, to be contested for by boats of the Association. An adjourned meeting of the Club will take place next week, when all the preliminaries will be arranged, and at which meeting new officers are to be chosen for the coming year.

THE ECLIPSE OF THE MOON.

Some Speculations—What the Inhabitants of the Moon, if there are any, See of Our Earth—The Value of a Lunar Eclipse.

Two weeks ago, our astronomers were engaged in studying a total eclipse of the sun. Last night, the astronomers of the moon, if there are any such beings, had their turn. At 1:16 P. M., Washington time, darkness began to fall on the surface of the moon; at 4:8 more than half of that hemisphere which is turned toward us was in shadow, and for five hours and thirty-nine minutes the sun was entirely or partly hidden from some part of the moon. Wheeling round the earth once a month, the moon, every month, passes nearly or exactly between the earth and the sun, her dark face is turned toward us, and she is invisible to us. If at this time she happens to pass exactly between us and the sun, we see a solar eclipse. Every month, also, she passes where the earth is between her and the sun; she then presents a full face toward us then, and is seen as a full moon; the earth's shadow may rest upon her face, and then we see a lunar eclipse.

We think much, especially our poets, of our moon, which sails nightly across the sky, presenting her ever-varying face to every inhabitant of the earth in turn. The possible inhabitants of the moon, or at least half of them, are still more bountifully supplied with moon-light, for, to them, the earth is a moon, going though the same changes of phase in the same time, smiling as a full moon, when the moon is to us, as new; shining feebly as a new moon, when our moon is full; but always appearing four times as broad as our moon, and shedding sixteen times as much light. It is only, however, half of the moon that sees the earth at all. Presenting always the same side toward the earth, the averted face never believes in its existence. Half the moon, sleeps through its night of half a month, beneath the glimmer of the stars alone. The other half has, alternately, its day, and its earth-lit night, each of 354 hours. During the whole of this comfortable, long night, the earth, majestic satellite of the moon, created, as the lunar visionaries doubtless tell themselves, expressly to serve them as a lamp by night, stands fixed in their sky, and goes slowly through all its phases, while the stars slide along behind it. During the day the earth still sheds its pale light on the moon, not dimmed, as our moon is, by a sun-lit atmosphere; for the inhabitants of the moon, if there are any, must live and move without breathing, or at any rate, without breathing any such air as we breathe, for no trace of a lunar atmosphere has been discovered. The earth, therefore, dwindling to a thin crescent as it approaches the sun, can be watched until it thrusts itself, as last night, exactly between the sun and the moon. Then the two peoples, facing each other on the nearer hemispheres of the earth and the moon, see, the one a lunar, and the other a solar eclipse.

A lunar eclipse is a much less instructive phenomenon, at present, than an eclipse of the sun. We may, at some future day, discover methods of learning from it—lessons which it does not now teach—but at present, its only value to science is as a means of verifying the tables from which it is predicted. Nor would an inhabitant of the moon be able to learn, from the eclipse of the sun, which he sees at the same time, what we have learned from our solar eclipses. The earth, to be sure, would hide the sun from him, as the moon does from us; but there the resemblance between the two phenomena would stop. The splendid spectacle which bursts on the sight of terrestrial astronomers the instant that the sun's disk is completely covered, and often so entrances even the coolest of them, that they spend in delighted admiration the precious moments in which they ought to be measuring and counting, is entirely wanting. The glowing "red promminences" which thrust out their strange forms from behind the black disk of the moon during our eclipses, would be invisible to him; the earth would extend so far beyond the sun's disk as to hide them altogether. The corona, indeed, if it existed at all, would reach beyond the darkening body, and thus a lunar astronomer, if he saw the corona at all, and could communicate the fact to us, would settle one vexed question in regard to this mysterious appearance; he would show that it is not due to the earth's atmosphere. But nothing of this can we learn from a lunar eclipse; it has nothing to teach us now. The centuries have gone by in which it was an object of terror, and those have not yet come in which it can be a very instructive one.

Mr. BRENTANO, (No. 33 Union-square,) has received the Christmas number of the *Illustrated London News*, with a special supplement, and a fine colored picture, given away with the number. The *Graphic* still keeps the lead of all its contemporaries, and the latest number received is full of good things. Mr. BRENTANO also has *Punch* and other popular serials.

LECTURES.

MODERN SURGERY.

Lecture by Prof. F. H. Hamilton Before the American Institute.

Last night an exceedingly interesting and valuable lecture was delivered before the American Institute, at the Academy of Music, by Prof. F. H. HAMILTON, of Bellevue Hospital Medical College. The lecturer was introduced by Alderman ELY, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Institute. The large hall was well filled by a respectable audience, who frequently applauded the lecturer. The professor commenced with the early history of surgery, from the Homeric times, and enriching his sketch of the progressive development of the science with much quaint and curious information, he took his audience down to the Middle Ages, with those barber surgeons, among whom was the celebrated AMBROSE PARE. He then gave a very interesting description, with anatomical illustrations of the instruments that came into use in later times for surgical operations. The lecturer next treated of dentistry, tracing the progressive improvement in that branch of the profession, from the time when teeth were extracted by that rude instrument called "the turkey," and replaced from the dissecting-room. He then passed in rapid review the chief discoveries, and the inventions of various ingenious mechanical contrivances in ophthalmic surgery, especially the ophthalmoscope, by which the interior of the eye may be illuminated, and its pathological changes brought under direct observation. In this connection he also treated briefly of what are regarded by the unscientific as "scientific toys," such as the rhinoscope, which illuminates and exposes the interior of the nose, and the laryngoscope, enabling the surgeon to see the interior of the throat. The subjects next passed under notice were the invention and use of the stethoscope, operations for club foot, according to the successful method discovered by STROMEYER, a German surgeon, in 1824; squint, cure, and operations for removing it; dislocation of the hip, and the substitution of the "manipulation" process for the old method, in which brute force was employed for accomplishing the reduction; and "ovariotomy," the first successful operation in which was performed in 1809 by Dr. EPHRAIM MCDOWELL, of Kentucky, on a Mrs. CRAWFORD, forty-seven years of age. Having referred to the adoption of adhesive plasters, first suggested by Dr. JOSIAH CROSBY, of Hanover, N. H., and MELATON'S porcelain probe for extracting bullets, the lecturer treated at considerable length of anæsthetics. This subject, he said, occupied the attention of surgeons from the commencement of the Christian era. The Roman physicians in the first century speak of the use of wine of mandragora, for inducing sleep and insensibility when the knife or cautery were to be employed; and PLINY observes that some persons are put to sleep by the smell of mandragora. SHAKESPEARE more than once alludes to the sleep and inebriation which it induces. Hemlock, hemp, opium and alcohol have been suggested or employed, with unequal but rarely satisfactory results; and in the edition of VERNEUIL'S *Surgery*, translated by Dr. WORTHINGTON, of New-York City, in 1864, occurs the passage: "To avoid pain in operations is a chimera that we can no longer pursue in our own time." The same month, December, 1844, Dr. HORACE WELLS, a dentist, of Hartford, Conn., made his first successful trials with nitrous oxide, and demonstrated that to avoid pain in surgical operations had ceased to be a chimera. Anæsthetics, in their power of causing temporary insensibility, indicate, perhaps, a control over the various electrical currents; and, by a singular coincidence, in May of the same year that Dr. WELLS' discovery was published, the first message was carried over the telegraph-wire, constructed by MORSE, from Washington to Baltimore in these words, "What hath God wrought." The discovery of the anæsthetic properties of sulphuric ether by Drs. JACKSON and MORTON, of Boston, in 1846, was followed by the discovery of similar properties in chloroform by Dr. SIMPSON, of Edinburgh, in 1847. The lecturer concluded by quoting the words of Dr. ERRICHSN, professor of clinical surgery in London University College: "This discovery" (of the use of chloroform) "is one of the greatest boons ever conferred on mankind, and to the Americans is undoubtedly due the honor of having established the practice of anæsthesia in surgery."

HUMAN PURSUITS.

Sound Advice on a Practical Subject—Interesting Lecture by Rev. Dr. Hall.

Rev. JOHN HALL, D. D., lectured last evening at Association Hall, corner of Fourth-avenue and Twenty-third-street, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association, before a large and attentive audience. In introducing his subject the lecturer disclaimed all pretensions to native Irish humor, but thought that he possessed another quality of his countrymen—directness. His very interesting lecture proved that he is a perfect master of both. He chose, he said, for his first lecture a very practical subject, "Human Pursuits," which was very interesting to two classes of young men—first, to those who have not yet entered upon the business of their lives, and second, to those who have just done so. He then spoke of the difference in choosing a profession in the Old World and in America—the result of which was that here there are a great many who can do a great many things tolerably well, while there, there are many who can do one thing well. The first and most important consideration for a young man in choosing a profession is his adaptation for it, and in judging of this he must use his common sense. This adaptation must also be judged in its moral, physical and spiritual light. There are many men in New-York who seem to transact their business in the worst possible way, and if his namesake, the Mayor, were to clothe him with his official dignity, he would make such persons Street Commissioners. In choosing a pursuit, the young man should take it into account whether his vocation is going to profit or injure his fellow-men, and his judgment and conscience should approve of it, for nothing great or good can be accomplished, unless all his powers are united. To be successful in life, a young man must have deep regard for spiritual things, for if he be wrong in his divinity, he is likely to be wrong in his humanity. Above all things he must choose a profession in which he can accomplish the greatest amount of good, and that, too, voluntarily. The lecturer then spoke of the law, medicine and the church as honorable fields for professional life. In setting out in life, young men must not be too independent, else they cannot be depended upon. He regretted the indifference with which the strong men in the community regard politics, and urged the necessity of pure-minded and educated citizens coming forward and warding off the serious dangers which threaten the Republic. Having established their independence by many bloody struggles, it would be a sad fall into the hands of a vulpine clique, which has brought the name of politician into disgrace. He concluded by warning young men against making the accumulation of money, or mere self-gratification, the aims of life, and in scathing language denounced the wicked, unscrupulous men, who flaunt their ill-gotten wealth in the face of day, and are endeavoring to educate the public mind to their baseness. Let them not worship the golden god, but let it be the great aim of their lives to do good, in a true, wise and straightforward way.

Dr. HALL will continue his lectures on social topics on each Friday evening during the present month.

"A USELESS FORMALITY."

The Utility of Oaths in Judicial Proceedings—Discourse of Mr. Henry Weble.

Mr. HENRY WEBLE read a paper last evening at Plimpton Hall, before the New-York Liberal Club. The subject was "The Utility of Oaths in Judicial Proceedings." There was a large and attentive audience, and the reader was frequently applauded.

Mr. WEBLE said the evil, sought to be remedied by the oath, had a good purpose in view, but it is now doubtful, however, whether it answers any useful purpose. To speak the truth is the natural inclination of man. Doctors, philosophers and, indeed, all scientific men have come to the conclusion that no one will tell lies unless he has some motive or inducement so to do. Truth is always uppermost in the human mind. Lying is like physic—nauseous to the taste, and unpleasant in the effect. All men speak truth by instinct. BENTHAM asserts as to the most egregious liar that the truth must have been uttered at least one hundred times by him to one falsehood. In all ordinary affairs of life, a man will always be believed unless he is a known and proved liar.

The administration of an oath in a Court of justice presupposes an accountability to a Supreme Being. All are sworn according to the particular system of religion believed in by the witness. A Mohammedan witness is sworn upon the Koran, and sometimes a Chinaman is sworn by the breaking of a saucer, and then he is told that, if he does not speak the exact truth, his body will be broken in the same manner. A lie in the family circle, in the street, or in the business marts, was no better than a false oath in a Court of justice. It was, no doubt, as great a crime. The oath in our Courts did not accomplish its object—namely, to secure the truth. The idea of an oath is an appeal to the ignorant and superstitious fears of the one taking the oath. Truth in a Court of justice has received a fictitious importance. A lie is a lie, whether in a Court, on the street, or in the parlor. When one prefaces his remarks with, "To tell you the truth," the listener may look out for some desecration of the truth. The Savior of the World said, "Swear not at all, but let your communication be yea, yea, and nay, nay." Any custom contrary to this is nothing less than an injury to truth. But the inquiry is, does the oath really accomplish its object. The admission of the oath in earlier times proves nothing in regard to its utility in the present age. The savage and semi-barbarous races of former times are no guide for the enlightened present. Oaths were taken and administered in the earliest ages of which we have any account. The Civil law, we find, was very rigid in regard to oaths, and if the Romans did not secure the truth, it was not because they had not the requisite number of oaths. Here the reader referred to three prominent oaths which, upon occasion, it was the habit of the Roman Magistrates to administer to parties litigant, and their respective witnesses. Some of these oaths are at present used in Austria, France, Hungary, and some parts of Germany. But they are all based on a wrong principle. An honest man will not take an oath denying an honest debt, and a dishonest man who has denied the claim of the complainant before suit brought, will not hesitate at the crime of perjury. The oath of "good faith" was introduced by JUSTINIAN. This amounted to an affidavit of what is now known as an affidavit of merits, but applicable as well to the plaintiff as to the defendant, with this clause added, "without any mental reservation." The hold of the conscience seems to be the point which has enlisted the attention of all the authors who have written upon this subject of oaths. The common law is not so precise in oaths. In 1562, Sir MATHEW HALE admitted the testimony of Jews in a Court of Justice, for the first time under the English law, although the Jews do not believe in the New Testament. That eminent jurist, at the same time, said that the credibility of such a witness must be left for the consideration of the jury. To this day in England, and in some of the States of this Union, atheists are not regarded as competent witnesses. Of what use would an oath be administered to one who does not believe in a Power who can and will punish false swearing. The most forcible argument which can be used against those who claim the oath is an efficient safeguard, is drawn from the fact that in many countries and States an interpreted oath is not a competent witness. True, it is not the law in New-York City now; but not many years ago one could not be a witness in a suit if he had any interest in the result, however trifling. The oath of office is a very vicious thing indeed, said the reader. In what its vicinousness consisted he did not explain. The oaths administered to voters here are, he said, equally vicious. An honest man will not suffer to vote unless he be legally entitled so to do, and a corrupt man will not hesitate to swear in his vote; yes, he will take the whole Bible and eat it if need be, in order to get in his vote. Hell offers no terrors to such men. It does is materially on a Mr. CLAYPOOL, forty-seven years of age. Having referred to the adoption of adhesive plasters, first suggested by Dr. JOSIAH CROSBY, of Hanover, N. H., and MELATON'S porcelain probe for extracting bullets, the lecturer treated at considerable length of anæsthetics. This subject, he said, occupied the attention of surgeons from the commencement of the Christian era. The Roman physicians in the first century speak of the use of wine of mandragora, for inducing sleep and insensibility when the knife or cautery were to be employed; and PLINY observes that some persons are put to sleep by the smell of mandragora. SHAKESPEARE more than once alludes to the sleep and inebriation which it induces. 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The Richmond Fire.

Letters from the Adams and Southern Express Company, which we published yesterday, together with one from the proprietors of the late Spotswood Hotel, tell their own story of the reliability and safety of those veterans of fire—Herring's Safes.

SUNDAY EDITION OF THE TIMES.

A POPULAR LITERARY AND GENERAL NEWSPAPER.

Introduction of New Features—"Isaac Idler's Rambles."

The SUNDAY EDITION of the NEW-YORK TIMES is one of the most popular of the Sunday papers published in the City, as it contains in addition to all the news, European war dispatches and reports and letters from its correspondents stationed in distant places, a great variety of literary and miscellaneous reading matter, specially prepared and collected for its columns.

In the TIMES of to-morrow, Sunday, Jan. 8, a new series of articles will be commenced, under the title of "ISAAC IDLER'S RAMBLES." It will be continued from time to time, and embrace subjects of general interest. Sometimes the "Rambles" will be strictly local—at others, ISAAC IDLER will invite the reader to accompany him in visits to distant cities, or even to distant climes. The series will begin on Sunday with a paper on "THE NIGHT CARS OF NEW-YORK," in which characters familiar to those who travel on the horse-cars after midnight will be truthfully and graphically sketched.

The same paper will contain other new features, and all of the old that have served to make it the popular Sunday journal it is. In the department of "CURRENT LITERATURE" will be given, as usual, a capital STORY, and extracts carefully made from the newest and best home and foreign magazines of the day, and books.

Several special articles on local or general topics will be given, one on the history and peculiarity of NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS, with some quaint specimens of advertisements in earlier days;—

Another, on THE JEWS IN AMERICA—the last of a series of articles prepared expressly for the Sunday Edition of the TIMES, and attracting considerable attention—showing the difference between the Orthodox and Reformed Jews; number of Hebrew Jews in America, and the Orthodox Congregations in this City and their history;—

And others equally interesting. The usual quantity of NOTES AND COMMENTS, short paragraphs on queer subjects, discovered here and there in our domestic and foreign exchanges, specially prepared for the Sunday Edition of the TIMES, will also be found in its columns; and

EDITORIALS, ARTICLES AND NOTES on topics of the day, political, social and general;—

The MUSICAL and THEATRICAL NEWS and GOSSIP of the week, at home and abroad, with an announcement of promised new attractions;—

Notes on the FINE ARTS; full REPORTS of LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST; NEWS of BROOKLYN, and the neighboring cities and towns of NEW-JERSEY;—

MILITARY NOTES; a column of readably and newly FOREIGN ITEMS, culled from our latest London files, and embracing history as well as current news; &c., &c., &c.

The Sunday edition of the TIMES has a large and steadily-increasing circulation. It goes among the best class of readers in the City and immediate neighborhood, including Brooklyn and the near cities and towns of New-Jersey, and is doubtless more thoroughly read than any other Sunday paper. It is, consequently, an excellent advertising medium, and is so regarded by many of the largest advertisers. Advertisements intended for insertion in this edition must

ERIE LITIGANT.

The Case of the Erie and the Susquehanna Railroad Companies—Argument of the Appeal as to Change of Place of Trial Concluded.

The case of JAMES FISK, Jr., vs. J. H. RAMSEY and twenty-nine others, connected with the Susquehanna Railroad Company, reported in the TIMES of yesterday, was again before the Supreme Court at General Term yesterday. The Court was composed of Presiding Justice INGRAHAM, and Judges BARNARD and CARDOZO. It was an appeal from an order made by Judge BEADY, at Special Term, changing the place of trial from this City to the City of Troy. The arguments were substantially the same as those used in the Court below.

Mr. FIELD, in behalf of Mr. FISK, first urged that it was proper that the application should be made in the First Judicial District; second, that the order changing the place of trial from New-York to Rensselaer County is an appealable order; third, that New-York City is the only proper place in which to try the action. He also argued that if Judge BEADY's order should not be reversed, the trial of the case would be necessarily delayed for at least two months. The original moving affidavit, he said, was insufficient, for two reasons: first, there was no affidavit of merits as to twenty-nine of the defendants; and, secondly, as to the one defendant who did swear to merits, the affidavit was insufficient and not made in conformity with the established rules and practice of the Court. All of the defendants did not move for a change of venue, and this of itself was a fatal defect in the proceedings. Beside all this, counsel said that it was manifest that Mr. RAMSEY's affidavit was a fraudulent one as to the number of his witnesses resident out of this City. Even if the affidavit were true as to the number of witnesses, the local influence which would be exerted in the vicinity of Albany and Troy was such as to prevent a fair and impartial trial as to the plaintiff FISK. The Court ought not to consider the convenience of witnesses, when the ends of justice will thereby be prevented.

Mr. R. W. PECKAM, Jr., in behalf of the defendants, claimed that there was no force whatever in the argument of his opponent, that equal and exact justice would not be meted out to the plaintiff in the City of Troy. There were no fairer minded men, or men of stronger sense of justice anywhere in the State than the judges of that district. He insisted that the order of Judge BEADY was not an appealable order; that it involved no substantial rights according to the intention of the statute; and even if it did the plaintiff had no right to ask, because he had, by his counsel, elected to have the case tried in Troy. The decision was reserved.

The First Arrest Under the Census Law.

Assistant Marshal Wm. H. LUDLOW forwarded a complaint to Marshal SHARPE, yesterday, against Mrs. O'KEEFE, of No. 252 Madison-st. He charged the latter with having ejected him from her apartments on his making application to her for information in regard to the census. The woman was arrested by Deputy Marshal ROBINSON, but it was subsequently decided to commence a civil action against her for the recovery of a penalty.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

But few persons were in attendance at the Exchange yesterday, (Jan. 6,) and the only sale effected during the day was made by JAMES M. MILLER, who disposed of all the right, title and interest in and to a certain lease of seven lots, located on the south side of Twenty-third-street, 400 feet west of Tenth-avenue. The lots are each 20x92, and the per annum ground rent upon each lot is $120. The lease, having about ten years to run, was sold to D. MILLMEN for $6,850. Mr. MILLER was the auctioneer.

V. K. STEVENSON & SON, No. 11 Pine-street, have at private sale, disposed of the property advertised in the TIMES, comprising the three-story brick house and lots known as No. 55 West Ninth-street. The premises were owned by Prof. CHARLES DAVIS and were sold to Miss OLIVE LOGAN.

Exchange Sales, Friday, Jan. 6, 1871.

NEW-YORK.

By James M. Miller.

Ten years' lease of 7 lots, n. s. 24th-st., 400 ft. w. of 10th-av., pink 22x92, ground rent $120 per annum $6,850

Transfers of Real Estate.

KINGS COUNTY.

Brooklyn.

Dean-st. n. s., 207ft ft. w. of Nostrand-st., 21x100 ..... $4,184
Ewen and Moore sts., n. w. corner, 25x75 5,000
Grand-st., n. s., 27 ft. e of 4th-st., 24.4x20.6x92.1 1,800
Hamilton-av., n. s., 35 ft. w. of Hoyt-st., 25x100 6,500
Lott-st., w. s., 480 ft. n. of Canarsie-lane, 50x100 800
Monroe-st., n. s., 138 ft. e. of Yates-av., 16.8x100 4,000
Manhattan-place, e. s., 60 ft. n. of Coles-st., 40x94 2,100
Reid-st., n. s., 100 ft. e. of Bedford-av., 20x92 14,000
1st-st., e. s., 75 ft. n. of North 7th-st., 25x100 10,000
South 9th-st., n. s., 80 ft. w. of 7th-av., 19x100.2X 6.4x100 11,000
Albany-av., n. s., 164 ft. w. of Williams-av., 28x101 8,000
Baltic-av. and Washington-st., s. w. corner, 100x100 1,600
Conklin-av., n. s., 224.4 ft. e. of Canarsie road, 50x182.16, mortgage $1,400 2,000
Clermont-av., e. s., 145 ft. s. of Green-av., 20x100, h. and l. c. 15,200
Kimball st. Bergen-av., commencing at the intersection of Hinsdale-av. x thence s. e. to Oyster Pond, New-York Bay, x thence s. to Kimball-av. x thence n. w. to beginning, 30 acres 3 roods, exclusive of streets 8,200
Lafayette-av., n. s., 104.2 ft. e. of Kosciusko-av., 40x100.2x102.84.2x150 10,000
Maspeth and Stewart ave., n. w. corner, thence to creek x thence n. w. to Hunterspt.-x-x200 x200x200x200 1,800
United States-av., n. s., 150 ft. n. w. of Atlantic-av., 100x125, probable mistake in deed 700
Willoughby-av., s. s., 100 ft. e. of Spencer-st., 16x100 2,650

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Rye.

Centre-st., w. s., 4 lots, map of Mount Jefferson, each 50x100 ..... $7,000

West Chester.

Avenue E, w. s., lot No. 106 Unionport, 100x100 ..... $400

West Farms.

Mattison-av., lots Nos. 150 and 151, Baltagate Park, 100x100 ..... $1,100

White Plains.

Bank-st., w. s., 125 ft. s. of M. Fisher's, 50x150 ..... $950

NEW-JERSEY.

Newark.

Mt. Pleasant-st., w. s., 75 ft. n. of Parker-st., 50x 120 ..... $16,000
South 5th-st., e. s., 425 ft. from 14th-av., 200x100.. 3,200
Court-st., s. s., 24 ft. w. of Littleton-st., 22x100.. 450
Shipman-st., e. s., 78 ft. n. of William-st., 52x74.. 1,000

Belleville.

High-st., w. s., 217 ft. from Spears' property, 31 x100 ..... $325

South Orange.

Mump-av., e. s., 146 ft. n. of South Orange-av., 68 x100 ..... $700
Douglass-st., n. s., 1,000 ft. w. of Grove-st., 92x100 250
Douglass-st., n. s., 750 ft. w. of Grove-st., 150x100 750
Douglass-st., n. s., 600 ft. w. of Grove-st., 100x100 600
Douglass-st., n. s., 850 ft. w. of Grove-st., 100x100 800
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Douglass-st., n. s., 300 ft. w. of Grove-st., 101x100 800

Jersey City.

Railroad-av., s. s., 25 ft. e. of Varick-st., 25x100.. $1,000
North 4th-st. and Newark-av., s. e. corner, 24x56 3,000
Lot 8, block 10, reservoir map, 25x100 2,800
Lots Nos. 14, 17 and 18, map of Lafayette, 75x100. 2,500

Greenville.

Lots Nos. 21 and 22, Gould estate, 50x100 ..... $600

Hoboken.

8th-st., n. s., 25 ft. w. of Bloomfield-st., 18x80 ..... $1,000

Union.

Lot No. 7, block No. 5, Jacob Geaser's lot, 25x 100 ..... $275

CITY REAL ESTATE.

A FOUR-STORY HIGH-STOOP brown-stone dwelling, 20x50 ft.; lot 100 feet; 16th-st. near 8th-av.; price very low; also, a printed list of dwellings and stores.
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BUSINESS CORNER PROPERTY—Spring-street, near Canal and Mercer sts., 45 feet frontage on Canal-st. Splendid location for banking or wholesale purposes.
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REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, Auctioneer.

SUPREME COURT—SALE IN PARTITION OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE, ON BROADWAY, NORTH-EAST CORNER OF 1ST-ST; ON 4TH-AV., NORTH-EAST CORNER 27TH-ST; ON CANAL-ST. AND OF WOOSTER AND LAURENS STS., RUNNING THROUGH AND FRONTING ON EACH STREET.

ADRIAN H. MULLER will sell at auction on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the Supreme Court, in partition, under the direction of Henry Nicoll, Esq., Referee, the following-described real estate, viz.:

BROADWAY.—The five four-story stores and lots on the north-east corner of Broadway and 21st-st., Nos. 824, 826, 828, 830 and 832 Broadway, the entire plot having a front on Broadway of over 123 feet.

4TH-AV.—The five-story marble and brick house and lot (with stable on the rear) on north-east corner of 4th-av. and 17th-st., opposite the Everett House and Union-square, 25 by 115 feet.

CANAL-STREET.—The two three-story and lots on the northerly side of Canal-st., between Wooster and Laurens sts., Nos. 296 and 297 Canal-st.

WOOSTER-STREET.—The eleven three-story and stable brick buildings and lots on the westerly side of Wooster-st., 72 feet 4 inches north of Canal-st., Nos. 2, 4, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 Wooster-st., having a front of 226 feet on Wooster-st.

LAURENS-STREET (or 6th-av. extension.)—The nine four-story brick houses and lots on the easterly side of Laurens-st., in the rear of the lots on Wooster-st., Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 18 Laurens-st., making together a front of 172 feet 6 inches on Laurens-st.

Sixty per cent. may remain on bond and mortgage of the premises for five years.

Maps may be had at the office of the auctioneer, No. 17 Pine-st., or of Lewis L. Delafield, Plaintiff's Attorney, No. 46 Exchange-place.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO., AUCTIONEERS.

A. J. BLEECKER, SON & CO. WILL SELL at auction, on THURSDAY, Jan. 12, at 12 M., at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway.
ADMINISTRATRIX'S SALE.
BETHUNE-STREET.—Two-story and attic brick house and lot No. 12 Bethune-st., north side, between Washington and Greenwich sts.
MAGGIE DAVIS, Administratrix.
THOMAS H. BARCWSKY, Proctor.

R. H. LUDLOW & CO., Auctioneers.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF THE ESTATE of A. J. Cleriquet, at 12 o'clock, Jan. 12, 1871, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, New-York, by R. H. Ludlow and Co., No. 11 Pine-st., No. 76 Nassau-st., and No. 42 Liberty-st.; six-thirteenths in packet ships of the Black Ball line; $2,000 scrip Atlantic Mutual Insurance Company, and 404 acres 111 perches of land in Monroe County, Penn.
Particulars at auctioneers' office, No. 8 Pine-st.

FINANCIAL.

VERMILYE & CO.

BANKERS,

16 and 18 Nassau-st., New-York.

DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.
BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION
RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.
MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES
ON
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE LEATHER MANUFACTURERS' NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, at New-York, in the State of New-York, at close of business Dec. 27, 1870:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$1,324,027 26
Overdrafts	1,694 67
United States bonds to secure circulation	300,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	60,000 00
Due from other national banks	26,814 20
Due from other banks and bankers	22,946 50
Banking-house	70,000 00
Current expenses	18,876 24
Premiums	15,000 00
Cash items (including stamps)	20,876 24
Exchanges for Clearing-house	216,014 03
Bills of other national banks	18,007 00
Bills of State banks	1,077 00
Fractional currency (including nickels)	5,049 75
Specie, viz.: coin	10,777 75
Gold Treasury notes	301,240 00
Gold certificates of other banks	40,570 00
Legal-tender notes	146,575 00
Clearing-house certificates	120,000 00
Three per cent. certificates	200,000 00
Total	$4,796,968 04

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$600,000 00
Surplus fund	200,000 00
Discount	19,744 22
Exchange	786
Interest	44,252 10
Profit and loss	181,954 16
National bank circulation outstanding	269,941 00
Dividends unpaid	10,000 00
Individual deposits	2,317,357 61
Certified checks	140,202 86
Due to national banks	339,979 60
Due to other banks and bankers	208,103 04
Total	$4,796,968 04

State of New-York, County of New-York, ss.:

NICHOLAS F. PALMER, Cashier of the Leather Manufacturers' National Bank of New-York, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
NICHOLAS F. PALMER, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1871. NOEL B. SARBORN, Notary Public.
Correct. Attest:
R. M. BLATCHFORD,
JAMES FRASER,
WM. M. KINGSLAND,
} Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE SECOND NATIONAL BANK of the City of New-York, at the close of business, Dec. 28, 1870:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$606,349 20
Overdrafts	639 30
United States bonds to secure circulation	200,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages	27,005 00
Due from other national banks	60,226 00
Due from State banks and bankers	1,210 42
Current expenses	4,747 27
Checks and other cash items	22,941 77
Exchanges for Clearing-house	42,591 50
Bills of other national banks	40,453 00
Fractional currency (including nickels)	4,741 21
Specie—coin	424 00
Legal-tender notes	161,000 00
Clearing-house certificates	200,000 00
Total	$1,910,326 07

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$200,000 00
Surplus fund	200,000 00
Interest	24,216 29
Profit and loss	5,162 23
Circulating notes outstanding	296,270 00
Individual deposits	1,080,639 46
Certified checks	22,163 27
Cashier's checks outstanding	7,540 00
Due to national banks	446 32
Total	$1,910,326 07

State of New-York, County of New-York, ss.: I, O. D. ROBERTS, Cashier of the Second National Bank of the City of New-York, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. O. D. ROBERTS, Cashier.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1871. E. K. MCCARTY, Notary Public.
Is and for the City and County of New-York.
Correct. Attest:
AMOS R. ENO,
J. N. PHELPS,
AMOS H. TROWBRIDGE,
} Directors.

MECHANICS' AND TRADERS' NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1870.

AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this institution for the ensuing year, and for three trustees for the next ensuing election, will be held as the banking-house on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 11, 1871.
Polls will be open from 2 to 3 o'clock. By order,
GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier.

MERCANTILE NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, corner of Broadway and Dey-st., on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 12 o'clock M. and 1 o'clock P. M.
N. AMERMAN, Cashier.

THE OCEAN NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank for the ensuing year will be held at their banking-rooms, corner of Broadway and Barclay-st., on TUESDAY, the 10th of January next. Polls open from 12 o'clock to 1 P. M.
J. S. HARTSHORNE, Cashier.

EIGHTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 650 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 10th of January next, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
CHAS. HUDSON, Cashier.

FINANCIAL.

Montclair Railway

NEW-JERSEY

7 PER CENT. GOLD 1ST MORTGAGE BONDS,

INDORSED BY THE
NEW-YORK AND OSWEGO
Midland Railroad Co.,
FOR SALE IN
DENOMINATIONS
OF
$1,000, $500 AND $100.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
EXCHANGED AT MARKET RATES.

SEND FOR CIRCULAR AND MAP.

LEONARD, SHELDON & FOSTER,
BANKERS,
NO. 10 WALL-ST.

FOR SALE.

CHOICE
CITY AND COUNTY BONDS,
PAYING
10 PER CENT. & OVER,
FREE OF ALL TAXES.

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST COUPONS PAYABLE IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK.
FIRST-CLASS SECURITIES OF UNDOUBTED CHARACTER, BELOW PAR.
GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SECURITIES
RECEIVED IN EXCHANGE AT THE BEST RATES, AND BONDS PURCHASED BY OUT-OF-TOWN RESIDENTS SENT BY EXPRESS FREE OF CHARGE.
TRUSTEES, EXECUTORS OF ESTATES, CAPITALISTS, AND OTHERS SEEKING RELIABLE INVESTMENTS ARE PURCHASING THESE LOANS.
ALSO, AN EXTENSIVE VARIETY OF OTHER SECURITIES FOR SAFE AND PROFITABLE INVESTMENTS AT LOW RATES. FOR SALE BY

ALBERT H. NICOLAY,
BANKER, STOCKBROKER AND AUCTIONEER,
NO. 42 PINE-ST.

N. B.—FIRST-CLASS INVESTMENT SECURITIES, PAYING LARGE RATES OF INTEREST, A SPECIALTY WITH THIS HOUSE FOR MANY YEARS.

8 per Cent. Interest FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

OF THE ST. JOSEPH AND DENVER CITY RAILROAD COMPANY.
Principal and Interest Payable in Gold.
105 MILES COMPLETED, and in operation, the earnings on which are in excess of interest on the total issue. Grading finished and ONLY 4 MILES OF TRACK ARE TO BE LAID TO COMPLETE THE ROAD. Mortgage at the rate of $13,000 per mile. Price 97½, and accrued interest. We unhesitatingly recommend them, and will furnish maps and pamphlets upon application.
W. P. CONVERSE & CO.,
No. 54 Pine-st.
TANNER & CO.,
No. 11 Wall-st.

CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS, CINCINNATI AND INDIANAPOLIS RAILWAY COMPANY,
CLEVELAND, Dec. 28, 1870.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE STOCKholders of this Company will be held at the office of the Company in Cleveland, Ohio, on WEDNESDAY, Jan. 25, 1871, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., to vote upon a proposition to alter the construction of the Company's line of railroad between Springfield and Cincinnati, Ohio, and upon a contract with the Cincinnati, Sandusky and Cleveland Railroad Company, for running, and Business arrangements.
The transfer-books will be closed on the evening of Jan. 14, and re-opened Feb. 2, 1871.
By order of the Board of Directors.
GEO. K. RUSSELL, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN—THAT the books of the Hempstead Plains Railroad Company will be held at the office of the said Company, No. 76 Broadway, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1, 1871, at 12 o'clock M., at which will be submitted for consideration an agreement for the consolidation of said Company with the Hempstead and Rockaway Railroad Company.
THOS. C. GOETCHIUS, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.

OFFICE CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 43 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1870.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Central Petroleum Company will be held at this office on MONDAY, Jan. 9, 1871. The polls will be open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
The transfer-books will be closed from Dec. 31, 1870, to Jan. 10, 1871, both inclusive.
L. J. BELLONI, Jr., Secretary.

AMERICAN VENTILATION COMPANY, OFFICE NO. 16 CORTLANDT-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of the Ventilation Company will be held at their office on TUESDAY, the 17th inst. at 12 o'clock M., for the election of officers and the transaction of such business as may come regularly before them.
F. H. PAGE, Secretary.

AN ELECTION OF FIVE TRUSTEES at the New-York Balance Dock Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 12 Wall-st., in the City of New-York, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. on the second WEDNESDAY of January next.
Dated NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1870.
JAMES E. NICHOLSON, Secretary.

PHENIX NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will take place at the banking-house on Tuesday, the 10th of January, 1871. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
JOHN PARKER, Cashier.

TRADESMEN'S NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS will be held on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, from 12 M. to 2 P. M.
ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

THE MARKET NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this bank will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 10th of January, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
A. GILBERT, Cashier.

NINTH NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 10, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-rooms, Nos. 407 and 409 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1871, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier.

SMITH & PARMELEE GOLD COMPANY, No. 6 Broad-st., New-York. The annual stockholders' meeting and election of Trustees will be held at the Company's office, on MONDAY, Jan. 9, 1871, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
W. G. A. DRAKE, Secretary.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of the Relief Fire Insurance Company will be held at their office, No. 149 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 10th January, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
W. E. CRARY, Secretary.
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GROCERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank will be held at the banking-house, on the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.
SAMUEL B. WHITE, Cashier.

EAST RIVER NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK.—The annual election for fifteen Directors of this Bank will be held at the banking-house No. 182 Broadway, New-York, on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1871. Polls open from 2 till 3 o'clock P. M.
T. E. E. NEWELL, Cashier.

FINANCIAL.

7 PER CENT. FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS

OF THE
Nashville and Decatur Railroad.
FOR PARTICULARS SEE TO-MORROW'S PAPER.
FOR SALE BY
Drexel, Winthrop & Co.,
NO. 18 WALL-ST.
N. Y. Guarantee and Indemnity Co.,
No. 52 Broadway and Exchange-court.

THE NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY,
OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
NO. 236 BROADWAY.
CAPITAL - $1,000,000
DEPOSITS, OVER $5,000,000.

PAYS 4 PER CENT. INTEREST ON DEPOSITS SUBJECT TO CHECK AT SIGHT.
PAYS 5 PER CENT. INTEREST ON SPECIAL DEPOSITS FOR SIX MONTHS OR LONGER.
THE COMPANY IS A LEGAL DEPOSITORY FOR MONEYS PAID INTO COURT, AND RECEIVES MONEYS IN TRUST.
DARIUS S. MANGAM, President.
B. L. SOLOMON, First Vice-President. BENJ. F. BANCROFT, Second Vice-President.
JAMES MERRELL, Secretary.

BANK OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.
Incorporated by Royal Charter.
AGENCY, NO. 17 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK.
COMMERCIAL CREDITS
issued for use in Europe, China, Japan, the East and West Indies, and South America.
Demand and time bills of exchange, payable in London and elsewhere, bought and sold at current rates; also, cable transfers.
Demand drafts on Scotland and Ireland, also on Canada, British Columbia and San Francisco. Bills collected, and other banking business transacted.
JOHN PATON, ARCHD MCKINLAY, } Agents.

BANKING HOUSE
Geo. Opdyke & Co.
25 Nassau-st.
CORNER OF CEDAR-ST.
FOUR PER CENT. interest allowed on current accounts, subject to check at sight.
PRIME INVESTMENTS for trust and other funds always on hand.
INVESTMENT ORDERS promptly executed for Governments, Gold, Bonds and other Securities.
COLLECTIONS WANTED ON CHICAGO, KEOKUK, DES MOINES, IOWA CITY, ST. JOSEPH, and other points in the Western States.

CITY STOCKS,
THE BEST SECURITY IN THE WORLD,
SEVEN (7) PER CENTS,
TWENTY TO THIRTY YEARS TO RUN.
DITTO DUE IN 1874-75,
FOR SALE
GEO. K. SISTARE,
No. 34 Nassau-st.
P. S.—City is bought and sold.

NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF MEMPHIS CITY BONDS.
MAYOR'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, MEMPHIS, Tenn., Nov. 30, 1870.
$500,000 OF THE THIRTY-YEARS GOLD BONDS of the City of Memphis, known as FUNDING BONDS OF 1870, principal and interest payable in gold coin, as authorized by ordinances of the Common Council of the City, for the purpose of funding a like amount of the due debt of the city, are now ready for delivery in exchange for any of the due debt as far. Interest will be adjusted upon this date.
BONDS, COUPONS, NOTES AND SCRIP, from maturity until Nov. 1, 1870, at the rate of six per cent. per annum, at which date the interest upon the principal will be reduced to five per cent., payable in gold, semi-annually, in the City of New-York, on the
FIRST DAY OF MAY AND NOVEMBER
in each year. The exchange can be made, as may be most convenient for the holders of the debt, at the office of the City Controller, City Hall, Memphis, Tenn., or at the banking-houses of P. M. MYERS & CO., No. 8 Pine-st., New-York, and McKIM & CO., South Baltimore-street, Baltimore, Md.
JOHN JOHNSON, Mayor.

Referring to the above notice, we are now prepared to issue Gold Funding Bonds in exchange for any of the past due debt of the City of Memphis.
P. M. MYERS & CO.,
BANKERS,
NO. 8 PINE-ST.

OFFICE OF HARTFORD AND NEW-HAVEN RAILROAD COMPANY, HARTFORD, Jan. 4, 1871.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the stockholders of the Hartford and New-Haven Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Company, in Hartford, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th of January inst., at 2 o'clock P. M., for choice of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may then be brought before the meeting.
The transfer-books will be closed from the 11th to the 18th January, both days inclusive.
S. P. CONNER, Secretary.

FOURTH NATIONAL BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1870.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders of this Bank for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and Inspectors of the succeeding election, will be held at the banking-house on TUESDAY, the 10th of January, 1871, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M. The transfer-books will be closed from Jan. 4 to 11, inclusive.
ANTHONY LANE, Cashier.

NATIONAL BUTCHERS' AND DROVERS' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 19, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Bank and for Inspectors of the next ensuing election, will be held at the banking-house, No. 124 Bowery, on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 12 and 1 P. M.
G. G. BRINCKERHOFF, Cashier.

BOWERY NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1871.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE stockholders for the election of Directors, and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before them, will be held at the banking-house on Jan. 17, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 o'clock P.
R. HAMILTON, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE EAGLE FIRE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 30, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company and for Inspectors, will be held at the Company's office, No. 71 Wall-st., on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1871, commencing at 12 o'clock M. and closing at 1 o'clock P. M.
A. J. CLINTON, Secretary.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a meeting of the stockholders of the Hempstead and Rockaway Railroad Company will be held at the office of said Company, No. 76 Broadway, New-York, on WEDNESDAY, Feb. 1, 1871, at 1 o'clock P. M., at which will be submitted for consideration an agreement for the consolidation of said Company with the Hempstead Plains Railroad Company.
THOS. C. GOETCHIUS, Secretary.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.—THE Interest on the bonds and stocks of the Corporation of the City of New-York, due Feb. 1, 1871, will be paid on that day, by JNO. J. BEADLEY, Esq., Chamberlain of the City, at his office in the new Court-house.
The transfer-books will be closed FRIDAY, Dec. 30, 1870. RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Controller.
DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, CONTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Dec. 21, 1870.

UNION TRUST COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, No. 79 BROADWAY, CORNER OF RECTOR-ST., NEW-YORK, Jan. 7, 1871.

AN ELECTION FOR TEN TRUSTEES of the Union Trust Company of New-York, of the third class, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 79 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 17, 1871, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
C. T. CARLTON, Secretary.

THE NATIONAL PARK BANK OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.

THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF DIRECTORS for this Bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 214 Broadway, the 10th day of January, 1871. Polls open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
J. L. WORTH, Cashier.

THE CHATHAM NATIONAL BANK, NEW-YORK.—The annual election for fifteen directors of this bank will be held at the banking-house, No. 194 Broadway, on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, between the hours of 12 M. and 1 P. M.
GEORGE M. HARD, Cashier.

MONEY TO LOAN ON DESIRABLE IMproved and unimproved City, and Brooklyn improved real estate; mortgages promptly cashed; principals only deal with.
WM. SINCLAIR, Jr., & CO., No. 3 Pine-st.

ALL PERSONS ARE CAUTIONED against negotiating a check for $386 55, drawn by T. D. Beach upon the First National Bank of Springfield, Mass., to the order of J. T. Kilbreth, the same having been lost or stolen, and payment stopped.
J. T. KILBRETH, No. 15 Nassau-st.

DIVIDENDS.

Eighty-fifth Dividend.

OFFICE OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN FIRE INSURANCE CO.,
NO. 192 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK,
JAN. 5, 1871.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of Five per Cent., payable on demand.
J. H. CARTER, Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD COMPANY, OFFICE NO. 227 SOUTH 4TH-ST., PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28, 1870.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The transfer-books of this Company will be closed on WEDNESDAY, the 14th of December next, and reopened on TUESDAY, the 10th of January, 1871.
A Dividend of Five per Cent. has been declared on the Preferred and Common Stock, clear of State tax, payable in cash on the 27th of December next to the holders thereof, as they shall stand registered on the books of the Company at the close of business on the 14th of December. All payable at this office.
All orders for dividends must be witnessed and stamped.
S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

SEVENTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.

UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
The Board of Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of Seven (7) per Cent., free from Government tax, payable on demand, at their office, No. 156 Broadway, corner of Pine-st.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 5, 1871.
W. WILSON UNDERHILL, Secretary.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

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SHIPPING.

THE ANCHOR LINE OF STEAMERS

sail every SATURDAY and alternate WEDNESDAY to and from Glasgow and Derry. Passengers booked and forwarded to and from all railway stations in Great Britain, Ireland, Germany, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, to Antwerp, as safely, speedily, comfortably and cheaply as by any other route or line.

"FIRSTS" STEAMERS. "EXTRA" STEAMERS.
Anglia.....Sat., Jan. 7 | Iowa.....Wed., Jan. 25
Australia.....Sat., Jan. 14 | Tyrian.....Wed., Feb. 8
Britannia.....Sat., Jan. 21 | Britannia.....Wed., Feb. 22
India.....Sat., Jan. 28 | Iowa.....Wed., Mar. 8
Cassandra.....Sat., Feb. 4 | Tyrian.....Wed., Mar. 22
Olympia.....Sat., Feb. 11 | Britannia.....Wed., April 5

and every SATURDAY and alternate WEDNESDAY thereafter, from Pier No. 20 North River, New-York, at noon.

RATES OF PASSAGE, PAYABLE IN CURRENCY, TO LIVERPOOL, GLASGOW, OR DERRY:

First Cabin $65 and $75, according to location.
Cabin excursion tickets good for 12 months, accommodations, $130.
Intermediate, $42; Steerage, $28.
Certificates, at REDUCED RATES, can be bought here by those wishing to send for their friends.
Drafts issued, payable on presentation.
Apply at the Company's offices to
HENDERSON BROTHERS, No. 7 Bowling-green.

INMAN LINE FOR QUEENSTOWN AND LIVERPOOL.

Royal Mail Steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
CITY OF BRUSSELS.....Saturday, Jan. 7, 2 P. M.
CITY OF LIMERICK, (via Halifax.)
CITY OF WASHINGTON.....Tuesday, Jan. 10, 12 M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Jan. 21, 2 P. M.
And each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate WEDNESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.

RATES OF PASSAGE.

PAYABLE IN GOLD. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Cabin.....$75 | Steerage.....$28
To London.....80 | To London.....$2
To Paris.....90 | To Halifax, N. S.....15

Passengers also forwarded to Antwerp, Rotterdam, Bremen, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark at reduced rates.
Tickets are to be bought here at moderate rates by persons sending for their friends.
For further information apply at the Company's office.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

CUNARD LINE.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL, VIA QUEENSTOWN, CARRYING THE MAILS.

Algeria, Wednes., Jan. 11 | Alpine, Thursday, Jan. 26
Calabria, Thurs., Jan. 12 | Russia, Wednesday, Feb. 1
Abyssinia, Wedn., Jan. 18 | Batavia, Thursday, Feb. 2
(via Halifax.) | (Halifax, Wednesday, Feb. 8)
Siberia, Thursday, Jan. 19 | Palmyra, Thursday, Feb. 9
Cuba, Wednesday, Jan. 25

RATES OF PASSAGE.

By the Wednesday steamers, carrying Steerage.
First Cabin, $120, gold. Second Cabin, $80, gold.
First Cabin to Paris.....$145, gold.
By the Thursday steamers.
First Cabin, $100, gold. Second Cabin, $75, currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool and Queenstown and all parts of Europe at lowest rates.
Through Bills of Lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent, and for Mediterranean ports.
For freight and cabin passage apply at the Company's Office, No. 4 Bowling-green.
For steerage passage at No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Buildings.
CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

STEAM-SHIP ABYSSINIA, SAILING with January 21 will call at Halifax.
Cabin passage to Halifax, $20 gold.
CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN,
No. 4 Bowling-green.

FOR LIVERPOOL, VIA QUEENSTOWN, CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full-power iron screw steam-ships from PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY

as follows:
WISCONSIN, Capt. Williams.....Jan. 11, at 9 A. M.
NEBRASKA, Capt. Guard.....Jan. 18, at 2½ P. M.
MANHATTAN, Capt. Forbes.....Jan. 25, at 9 A. M.
WYOMING, Capt. Whitney.....Jan. 31, at 11 A. M.
MISSOURI, Capt. W. Faunce.....Feb. 8, at 2 P. M.
IDAHO, Capt. Pace.....Feb. 15, at 8 A. M.
Cabin passage, $80 gold.
Steerage passage, (Office No. 29 Broadway) $30, currency.
For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 69 Wall-st.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

WHY I AM A UNIVERSALIST.
A Discourse by Rev. J. M. PULLMAN, at the CHURCH OF OUR SAVIOR, between 5th and 6th ave., SUNDAY EVENING.

GRACE CHAPEL, FREE SEATS, East 14th-st., Rev. Jesse W. Erskine, Clergyman in charge.—Services on SUNDAY at 11 A. M. and 7½ P. M. Sermon in the EVENING by Rev. Henry E. Hovey. Strangers are cordially invited to attend.

TRINITY (EPISCOPAL) CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, West 46th-st., between 7th and 8th ave.—Services SUNDAYS: 7, holy communion; 10 morning prayer; 10¾, litany, (choral); 11, holy communion, (choral) and sermon; 4 evening prayer, (choral); 7½, compline (choral) and sermon. WEEK DAYS: 7, holy communion; 9, morning prayer; 4, evening prayer; (choral, Wednesdays and Fridays.)

A PUBLIC MEETING WILL BE HELD SUNDAY EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, in the Russian Presbyterian Church, Madison-ave., corner 26th-st., in behalf of the cause of Christ in Colombia. The meeting will be addressed by Rev. Dr. Samson, President of Columbian College, Washington, D. C.; Rev. Benj. I. Bailey, D. D., and Rev. Dr. Tenney, Secretary of the American Colonization Society.

EVENING SERVICE IN ASSOCIATION HALL.—Rev. Mr. MOVICKER will deliver his address to young men on SUNDAY, at 7½ o'clock, in the Hall of the Young Men's Christian Association, corner 23d-st. and 4th-av. Bible class every morning, at 10 o'clock. SABBATH SCHOOL at 3 o'clock. All are invited to these meetings.

SEVENTH-STREET M. E. CHURCH, between 1st and 2d-ave.—Preaching on SABBATH MORNING at 10½ o'clock, and in the EVENING at 7 o'clock, by the Pastor, Rev. C. Backman. Sacramental services at 3½ P. M. Sabbath-school at 2½ P. M. Prayer-meeting at 6 P. M.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, 824-ct., corner 8th-av.—Daily Union Prayer-meeting, held in the lecture-room, will hereafter commence at 4 P. M. Young Men's meeting on Thursday evening at 8 and on Saturday evening at 9. Elementary class in vocal music will commence Jan. 14.

ALLEN-STREET M. E. CHURCH, Allen-st., Rivington and Delancey sts. Rev. W. McAllister, Pastor.—Preaching, 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M.; Sunday-school, 9 A. M. and 1½ P. M.; sacrament, 3 P. M.; young people's prayer-meeting, 8 P. M. Seats free. Strangers and others are cordially invited.

ENGLISH LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, East 18th-st., between 2d and 3d ave., Rev. A. C. Wedekind, D. D., Pastor.—Divine services SABBATH DAY, 5th inst., at 10½ o'clock in the MORNING, and 7½ in the EVENING. Sunday-school at 2½ P. M.

HARLEM FOURTH UNITARIAN CHURCH.—Rev. E. H. Chapin will give a lecture at Unity Chapel, 125th-st. and 4th-av., SUNDAY EVENING, on *Things Old and New*. Services begin at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Strangers cordially welcomed.

CHURCH OF THE HEAVENLY REST, 5th-av., above 45th-st.—Rev. R. S. Howland, D. D., Rector, Rev. T. E. Comegy, D. D., Associate Pastor.—Divine service on SUNDAY, 5th inst., at 11 A. M. and 7½ P. M. The usual afternoon service will be omitted.

A CALVINISTIC VIEW OF SANCTIFICATION.—John G. Adams, Pastor, will preach on Christ's Gospel Sanctification, at 3 P. M., on the Gospel to Gospel Sanctification. Seats free. He will also preach at 10½ A. M., and deliver his annual sermon to young men at 7½ P. M.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, South side of 42d-st., between 5th and 6th ave.—Preaching at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M., by the Pastor, Rev. Fred. Evans. Subject in the MORNING—*The Fathers*. Subject in the EVENING—*The Lost Treasury Found*. All are invited.

REV. ISAAC WESCOTT, D. D., WILL preach in Plymouth Baptist Church, 51st-st., between 9th and 10th ave., SUNDAY at 10½ A. M., *On the Plan of Salvation*; and at 7½ P. M., to young men, *On Moral Culture*. Come and hear. Sunday-school at 9 and 2 o'clock.

REVIVAL MEETINGS ARE HELD every evening in Madison-ave. Church, between 24 and 25 ave., EVERY EVENING, except Saturday. SUNDAY, services at 10½ A. M. and 7 P. M. The public are invited. Seats free. Rev. J. E. Searles, Pastor.

COOPER UNION SERVICES.—REV. GEORGE C. MINGINS will speak to the people in the great Hall of the Cooper Union, every SABBATH EVENING, at 7½ o'clock. Strangers, and all who are without a place in Church, are cordially invited, and all are welcome.

REV. H. B. NORTHROP WILL preach in the West Twenty-third-street Presbyterian Church, near 7th-av., on SUNDAY MORNING at 10½, and in the AFTERNOON at 3½ o'clock. Young people's prayer-meeting in the EVENING at 7½. All are cordially invited.

REV. HENRY HIGHLAND GARNET, D. D., Pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian Church, corner of Bedford and Marion sts., will preach the first of a series of Home Sermons, on SABBATH EVENING, the 8th inst. Services will commence at 7½.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, 21st-st., between 5th and 6th ave., Rev. G. F. Krotel, D. D., Pastor.—Services SUNDAY, 5th inst., at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Strangers invited and furnished with seats.

MADISON-AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, corner Madison-av. and 31st-st.—Rev. J. F. Elder, Pastor, will preach on SUNDAY, at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Sunday-school at 9 A. M. Sunday-school concert at 3 P. M.

REV. DR. JOHN HALL WILL preach in the Twenty-second-street Presbyterian Church, near 9th-av., on SABBATH EVENING next at 7½ P. M. All are invited. N. B.—Morning service omitted.

FIVE POINTS HOUSE OF INDUSTRY, No. 155 Worth-st.—Services are held every SUNDAY, in the new Chapel of the Institution, at 3 P. M. Singing by the children. WM. F. BARNARD, Superintendent.

DOOM OF THE NATIONS.—BISHOP Cox, of the Church of Mount Zion, will preach in the University, Washington-square, on SUNDAY, at 3 P. M. Subject—*The Great and Final Battle of the Day of God*—Rev. xix., 11, 21. Seats free.

THIRTY-SEVENTH-STREET M. E. CHURCH, near 3d-av.—The Praying Band, SAMUEL CARTER, Leader, will conduct the services in the MORNING at 10½ o'clock; AFTERNOON at 3 o'clock; EVENING at 7 o'clock.

FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH.—REV. A. WILLIAM R. WILLIAMS will preach, D. V., in the chapel of this Church, West 54th-st. near 8th-av., on SABBATH EVENING, services commencing at 10½ o'clock. Seats free.

SECOND ADVENT CHURCH, COOPER Institute, Room No. 24.—Preaching SUNDAY by Elder W. S. Cantrell, at 10½ A. M. and 3 P. M. Subjects: Morning—*Nature of Faith*. Afternoon—*Lesson of the Loss of the Pope's Temporal Power*.

REV. STEPHEN H. TYNG, JR., WILL deliver the tenth lecture in the course to young people, in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Madison-av. and 42d-st., on SUNDAY EVENING at 7½ o'clock.

REV. JOSEPH H. PRICE, D.D., RECTOR of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, will preach at the Home Chapel, No. 347 East 29th-st., between Madison and 4th ave., on SUNDAY NEXT, at 10½ A. M. Seats free.

ST. LUKE'S M. E. CHURCH, 41ST-st., near 8th-av.—Preaching on SUNDAY, 8th inst., at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M., by Rev. C. S. Harrower, Pastor. Trustees in attendance to seat strangers.

THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF the Baptist Sunday-school Union will meet with the Fifth-avenue Baptist Church, in 46th-st. near 6th-av., on MONDAY EVENING, Jan. 9, at 7½ o'clock. All are affectionately invited to attend.

REV. RALPH BYRON HOYT WILL preach in the Protestant Episcopal Free Church of the Holy Lord, corner 9th-av. and 37th-st., on SUNDAY at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. All the friends of this church are cordially invited.

ASSOCIATION HALL.—REV. H. D. GANSE, Pastor of North-west Reformed Church, now worshiping in this hall, preaches every SUNDAY MORNING at 10½ o'clock, and AFTERNOON at 3½.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PARK-av., between 36th and 37th sts.—Services—Sunday-school at 9 A. M.; preaching by Pastor, T. D. ANDERSON, D. D., at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 7½ P. M.; prayer and conference meeting at 7 P. M.

SEVENTEENTH-STREET M. E. CHURCH, between 1st and 2d ave.—Sermon in the MORNING by Rev. Dr. True; in the EVENING by Rev. Dr. Curry. General prayer meeting 3½ P. M.

MURRAY HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 40th-st., near Lexington-av.—Services on SABBATH at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Preaching by the Pastor, Rev. Gardiner Chambers.

EVANGELIST PREACHING ON THE Coming of the Lord at Catholic Apostolic Church, West 16th-st., between 6th and 7th ave., at 7½ o'clock SUNDAY EVENING. Seats free. No collection.

JOHN-STREET M. E. CHURCH, BETWEEN Nassau and William sts.—The Pastor, Rev. L. S. Weed, will preach at 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. Seats free. Strangers cordially invited.

SEVENTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Corner Broome and Ridge sts.—Rev. R. C. Morse will preach SUNDAY, Jan. 8, at 10½ A. M. Missionary anniversary of the Sunday-school at 7 P. M.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 805 Broadway, near Broadway.—Services 10½ A. M. and 7½ P. M. In the MORNING the pastor will preach his second anniversary sermon.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY LIGHT, 7th-av., near 24th-st.—Divine service at 10½ A. M. and 3½ P. M. Rev. Dr. McVickar will preach.

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RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

REV. HERRILL RICHARDSON, Pastor of the New-England Congregational Church, corner Madison-av. and 47th-st., will preach on SUNDAY MORNING, Jan. 8, upon *Waste and Expenditure*. In the EVENING he will commence a series of sermons on *The Fundamental Truths of the Bible*. Services at 10½ and 7½, respectively. All cordially invited.

REV. HERRILL RICHARDSON WILL deliver a series of sermons on successive Sunday Evenings, at the New-England Church, corner Madison-av. and 47th-st., on the following SUBJECTS:
JAN. 8.—"WHO IS THE LORD THAT WE SHOULD OBEY HIM?"
JAN. 15.—"DISCIPLINE THE DIVINE INTENT OF LIFE."
JAN. 22.—"WHAT GOD DOES TO HOLD MEN TO OBEDIENCE."
JAN. 29.—"WHAT IS SIN?"
FEB. 5.—"WHAT IS REGENERATION?"
FEB. 12.—"BIBLE VIEW OF GOD'S DECREES."
FEB. 19.—"NATIONAL EVIL."
FEB. 26.—"THE RESURRECTION."
MARCH 5.—"FUTURE REWARDS AND PENALTIES."
Services commence at 7½ o'clock. All cordially invited.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF NEW-YORK.—The annual election for directors, to fill the places of Morris K. Jesup, D. Ralston Samp, Jas. Stokes, Jr., and Bowles Colgate, whose term of office has expired, will be held on MONDAY, the 9th inst., between the hours of 3 and 5, and 8 and 9½ P. M.
E. E. MCBURNEY, Secretary.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER.—THE CONCluding services of the week of prayer will be held in the St. Paul's M. E. Church, corner of 47th-st. and 7th-av., on TO-MORROW EVENING, at 7½ o'clock.—Rev. Drs. Anderson, Tyng, Suthers, Crooks, Adams and Prime will take part in the exercises. Sermon in the MORNING on *Christian Unity* by the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Ridgway.

BY WATERHOUSE HAWKINS, F. S. S., Prof. of Geology, Sculpture, &c., will lecture in the lecture-room of the Church of the Heavenly Rest, 5th-av., above 45th-st., on TUESDAY EVENINGS, Jan. 10 and 17, at 8 o'clock. Subject—*The Unity of Plan and Consequent Design in the Animal Frame with Comparison and Contrast of Monkeys and Men*. Tickets for each lecture, $1.

"THE WANDERING YOUNG MAN" is the text of Dr. Ludlow's SABBATH EVENING, by Rev. T. T. Kendrick, of Grand-street M. E. Church, near 5th. Williamsburg, at 7½ o'clock. Rev. Stephen Merritt, Jr., will preach at 10½ A. M. Sabbath-school at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M. Seats free. Prayer-meeting at 6 P. M.

BIBLE QUESTION.—REV. OSCAR HUGO Brooks preaches SUNDAY MORNING in Berean Baptist Church, corner Downing and Bedford sts. In the EVENING Mr. Hugo preaches in Antioch Baptist Church, Grove, Bleecker and Morton sts. Subject—*Prophetical Basis of Consistence in Roman Catholic Country*.

ST. PAUL'S REFORMED DUTCH CHURCH, Fifth-avenue-square, 46th-st., between 4th and 5th ave., Rev. Alexander R. Thompson, D. D., Minister.—Services every SUNDAY at 10½ o'clock A. M. and 7½ o'clock P. M. A cordial invitation is extended to all, and to one who may not be settled in any other church home, to unite with us in these services.

THE TEMPORAL POWER.—DR. Thompson will preach in the Broadway Tabernacle Church, on SUNDAY EVENING, Jan. 8, at 7½ o'clock, on the *Reasons why the Whole Church Catholic should Rejoice in the Downfall of the Temporal Power of the Papacy*.

TRINITY METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 15th-st., near 5th-av.—Preaching on SUNDAY, the 8th inst., by the Pastor, Rev. Dr. Foss, MORNING at 10½ o'clock, EVENING at 7½ o'clock. Subject for the evening—*The Inspiration of the Scriptures*.

REV. DR. CHEEVER WILL PREACH on SABBATH EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, in the Lecture-room of Church of the Puritans, corner 45th-st., on *The Record of Its Walk with Christ in Its Times*; and the Pastor, Dr. Sanderson at 10½ A. M. All welcome.

FIVE POINTS MISSION, SITE OF THE "Old Brewery," No. 61 Park-st. the original Mission site, "Ragged Church," Rev. S. Hayes, Superintendent.—Services at 10½ A. M. Preaching at 7½ P. M. Sabbath-school 2½ A. M., and from 3 to 4 P. M. Friends of the cause are invited.

CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION, Madison-av. and 35th-st.—There will be divine service and sermon in this church on SUNDAY EVENING at 8 o'clock, by the Rector, Rev. Dr. Cooke. Rector of St. Bartholomew's, will preach.

ST. ANN'S FREE CHURCH, 18TH-ST., Near 5th-av.—On SUNDAY, Rev. Dr. Gallaudet will preach at 7½ A. M. and 3½ P. M. for deaf mutes. Rev. J. R. Davenport at 10½ A. M., and Rev. E. Holmes at 7½ P. M. Catechetical instruction at 4 P. M.

REV. CHAS. F. LEE, FIFTH UNITARIAN CHURCH, Plymouth Building, 8th-st., near 3d-av. SUNDAY, Jan. 8, at 10½ A. M. Subject—*The Future State*. Seats free. The public cordially invited.

THE HUTCHINSON FAMILY WILL sing, and prominent speakers address the Morning Star Sunday school, at West 24th-st., SUNDAY, at 3. The Hutchinsons will give a sacred concert in the EVENING, same place.

FRENCH CHURCH DU ST. ESPRIT, 7 West 22d-st.—Divine service in French every SUNDAY MORNING at 10½ o'clock.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm of F. D. COBB & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.
F. D. COBB,
DANIEL COBB,
M. F. HAZEN,
CHARLES A. LAMBARD.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.

The undersigned have formed a copartnership for continuing the business at the same place, under the same firm name, F. D. COBB & CO.
F. D. COBB,
CHARLES A. LAMBARD.
No. 19 BROAD-ST., New-York, Jan. 2, 1871.

The undersigned will continue the stock commission business at No. 19 Broad-st.
M. F. HAZEN.
JAN. 2, 1871.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOfore existing under the firm name of GRANT & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign the firm name in liquidation.
JOHN GRANT,
JOHN CHILD.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership, under the firm name of
JOHN CHILD & CO.,
and will continue a general banking and stock commission business, at No. 42 Wall-st., New-York.
A. SUYDAM GRANT,
GEO. JOHN SHEFFIELD,
J. EDWARD SIMMONS.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 3, 1871.

COPARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned have this day formed a partnership, under the firm name of W. JUDSON HAWLEY & CO., for the transaction of a banking and commission business in Government securities, bonds, stocks, gold, exchange, and foreign money, at No. 60 Wall-st.
E. JUDSON HAWLEY,
ALFRED W. BARTLETT.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1871.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—MR. H. V. LEAVITT, GOULD & CO., have this day, and the business will be continued under the name of LEAVITT, GOULD & CO.
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THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between the undersigned, under the firm name of MORRIS & BRAMAN, is this day dissolved by its own limitation. Either party will sign in liquidation.
EDWARD L. MORRIS.
NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870. JOHN A. BRAMAN.

WE HAVE THIS DAY ASSOCIATED with us in business JAMES O. PROUDFIT and J. CAMPBELL MARSHALL. The style of the firm will remain as heretofore.
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JAN. 2, 1871.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL CONTINUE the wholesale coal business at No. 11 Broadway, New-York, (Room No. 47 Trinity Building.)
EDWARD L. MORRIS.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1871.

OFFICE OF JOHN MUNROE & CO., BANKERS, No. 8 Wall-st.
MR. EDWARD TUCK BECOMES A partner in our respective firms in Paris and New-York, from this date.
JOHN MUNROE & CO.
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1871.

NOTICE.—MR. HOWELL L. WILLIAMS, JR., withdraws from our firm, owing to ill-health, and Mr. WARNER J. ROBERTS is admitted as a partner from this date.
SHEPPARD GANDY & CO.
JAN. 2, 1871.

M. K. JESUP & CO., NO. 12 PINE-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1871.
MR. EDWARD R. GOODNOW HAS this day been admitted as partner in our house.
M. K. JESUP & CO.

NEW-YORK, Dec. 31, 1870.
MR. WILLIAM R. PRIFFS WITHDRAWS THIS DAY from our firm in New-York; Philadelphia and Paris.
DREXEL, WINTHROP & CO.

MR. FRANCIS B. ARNOLD HAS BEEN admitted a partner in our firm.
ARNOLD, STURGES & CO.
New-York, Jan. 1, 1871.

THE firm of HAYWARD & COLEMAN is dissolved.
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31, 1870.

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CUBAN AFFAIRS.

The New and the Old Year—The Situation—Matters at Holguin—Surrender of Insurgents—Mexican Exiles—General Gossip.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, Dec. 31, 1870.

Before this letter reaches New-York another year will have been ushered into existence, and with it the continuance of the Cuban revolution, which the Spaniards persist in calling an insurrection. Apparently there is no change, and in many respects we must admit that no change of importance has really taken place. It is undoubtedly true that the number of Cubans in arms, or rather of those who opposed the Spaniards, has decreased materially. The Cubans have also been driven out of many districts, wherein they formerly had things their own way. But it is the opinion of cool and impartial observers that we are no nearer to the end of the revolution than we were six or eight months ago. Your correspondent has sources of information which are thoroughly trustworthy, and all the information received indicates that the revolution will last a long time yet, that much more blood will be shed, and that the majority of Cubans and Spaniards are completely in the dark as to the condition of affairs in the interior.

MATTERS AT HOLGUIN.

Holguin itself is again assuming the tranquil aspect it has worn for some time, but the discovered conspiracy has frightened the people considerably, and the utmost vigilance is exercised. Although the ringleaders were detected and punished, there is no evidence that the conspirators have given up their plan, and the flame may burst forth when least expected. The punishment meted out has been extremely severe, eight men having paid the penalty with their lives. The culprits were all natives of the jurisdiction, and, what is more remarkable, all were active members of the Holguin volunteers. The Spaniards have always boasted that the Holguin volunteers were the most loyal, as nearly all of them were native Cubans; if this be a sample of their loyalty, the Spaniards had better put a couple of sentries beside each volunteer. A ninth accused was sentenced to eight years in the Penitentiary, and twelve others were placed at the disposition of the Captain-General, to be dealt with as he may direct. The plot was denounced to the Spanish authorities by a colored man named JOSE VALENZUELA. How much VALENZUELA received for his services is not known. At the investigation it appeared plainly that the plan of the conspirators had been to capture the town of Holguin on Christmas Eve, and not on the 5th, as had been erroneously stated. The death of AUREGOCHEA and the denouncement of the mulatto, produced the complete failure of the plan, which otherwise would have been successful, and have enabled the Cubans to have matters their own way, at least for a time, in the jurisdiction of Holguin.

SURRENDER OF INSURGENTS.

Surrenders continue in very large numbers, over three hundred persons having come into Puerto Principe on a single day. All these presentados, or persons coming from within the insurgent lines, present, according to the statement of several eye-witnesses, a most lamentable sight, such as would move the stoutest heart to pity and tears. Covered with but a few miserable rags, some of them full of sores and disgusting skin diseases, these people have suffered hunger and danger, ruining their health, all for the sake of seeing their country free. They have beheld their children suffering, and yet they would not submit again to Spanish rule; but suffering has become in many cases too great for human nature to endure, and at last, in order to preserve the lives of their wives and innocent children, they have come in, waiting for a favorable change. The charitable people of the United States would do a great thing in sending provisions, clothing and money to these unfortunates, leaving the question of sympathy with one or the other of the contending factions entirely aside, and looking at the matter only in the light of charity. The true reason for so many surrenders must, however, be looked for in another direction. During the Summer months, but few Cubans were necessary to make a stand against the Spaniards, but as the dry season sets in affairs must necessarily change, and larger forces are required to defend every mountain pass and cross-road, unless the Spaniards be lastily allowed to capture the remaining revolutionists and execute the leaders at pleasure. Some three weeks ago, President CESPEDES called a number of his most prominent civil and military leaders together, at Las Cabreras, and the expediency of a levy en masse was there discussed. Nearly all of those present voted in favor of it, though foreseeing that if the law was put in practice, numbers would try to leave the insurgent lines and remain near some Spanish detachment, without taking part in the military movements. The law was not proclaimed, nor has it been put into vigor generally, but measures have been taken by the revolutionists to secure an increase of their forces.

MEXICAN EXILES.

The Mexican Ex-President FELIX ZULOAGA, who has been residing here for nearly ten years, and who had been banished by JUAREZ, will return to Mexico within a few days, taking advantage of the recent amnesty granted to old masters by the Mexican Congress. ZULOAGA publishes a card in this morning's *Voz*, thanking the people for the favors shown to him during his stay. ZULOAGA is a man of very narrow mind and intellect, but he enjoys a certain popularity with the Mexican Church party. A number of other Mexican refugees are also returning to Mexico, while others remain here. Among those who will not return is the eldest son of Gen. SANTA ANNA, who, in partnership with Gen. A. MARQUES, the so-called "Tiger of Tacubaya," has a pawnbroking establishment, and does a very good business. As pawnbrokers and money-lenders, SANTA ANNA and MARQUES are considered to be the keenest and most avaricious of their class. Ex-Minister J. M. DURAN sticks to his business as an exchange broker, and is a favorite among merchants.

MISCELLANEOUS GOSSIP.

VALMASEDA has issued an order allowing cattle to be imported into the town of Santiago de Cuba free of duty, and has also placed AYALA in possession of the Postmaster-Generalship, from which that gentleman had been kept by Gen. ROMAS....It is estimated that the sugar crop of 1870-71 will be twenty-five per cent less than that of 1869-70....The opera has not proved a great success, artistically speaking, and the only real artists who have also gained the good will of the public are Mmes. FEDERICI and VIZCONTI, soprani; Miss KATE MORENSI, contralto, and Signor VILLANI tenor. Nearly all try to flatter the peculiar taste of the Havana public, which prefers loud shouting and a strong voice to artistic singing....The vice of gambling is on the increase, and the Casino Habanero and upper floors of the notorious Louvre are crowded nightly; it is understood that VALMASEDA will take some steps to suppress this, but as all these gambling hells pay a regular salary to the majority of Government employes, whose duty it is to prevent gambling, it is extremely doubtful whether the efforts of VALMASEDA will prove fruitful of good results. QUASIMODO.

A Murderous Assault—A Woman Stabbed Eighteen Times.

Last evening SARAH VANDERVEER, colored, aged twenty-four years, of No. 123 Greene-street, met a colored man named SAMUEL MURRAY, with whom she had formerly lived, in front of McBRIDE'S grocery, a few doors from where she lived. A few words passed, and MURRAY, with some sharp instrument, suddenly made a savage attack on the woman, stabbing her no less than eighteen times, once in the abdomen, five times in the back, and three times each in the chest, right and left eye, face and forehead. The rascal then fled. The woman was removed to the Mercer-street Police Station, and Police Surgeon PERLSON summoned to attend her. Strange to say, none of the wounds are dangerous, most of them being mere scratches. After her wounds were dressed the woman was taken home by her friends, she refusing to go to the Hospital. Search was made for MURRAY, but up to a late hour he had not been arrested. He is well known to the Police, and it is not believed that he can long escape arrest. He is described as a desperate fellow, who has already served two terms in State Prison, one of ten and one of seven years, for felonious assaults. The woman says that she formerly lived with MARTIN, but about four years ago she left him, and attempted to lead a decent, virtuous life. Lately she has been employed in a laundry at No. 21 Amity-street. MARTIN has repeatedly endeavored to induce her to return and live with him, but she has uniformly declined to do so. Latterly, MARTIN has threatened to take her life unless she would accede to his request, but this did not shake her resolution. At the time she met MARTIN she was on the way home from the laundry. On meeting her, MARTIN asked her if she would go and live with him, and when she again refused in positive terms, he produced the weapon and assaulted her. The points of the weapon was blunt, and this fact, together with the thickness of the woman's clothing, undoubtedly saved her life. The only wound which really seemed to give her pain was one in the chest, the point of the weapon having struck the breast bone.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

NEW-YORK.

Mr. BUCKINGHAM SMITH, a State Senator in Florida, was found, on Thursday afternoon, in the Fifteenth Precinct, suffering from apparent severe sickness. He was taken to Bellevue Hospital, and died at that institution. He has filled several important offices, and represented the United States at foreign Courts. He studied law in the office of Senator FESSENDEN'S father, in Maine, was subsequently a State Senator in Florida, and was also a Judge in the Internal Revenue Court. In 1855 he was Secretary of Legation to the Spanish Embassy, and on his return to this country was sent as Chargé d'Affaires to Mexico. While there he suffered from hemorrhage of the lungs, and has been quite sick for three years past. He resided with a friend at No. 261 West Forty-second-street, was a widower, and leaves no family. Coroner YOUNG held an inquest yesterday, and found that death had been caused by heart disease.

The following officers for the ensuing year of Continental Lodge, F. and A. M., were duly installed at the Lodge Room, No. 32 Union-square, in this City, on Wednesday evening: by R. W. ELLWOOD E. THORNE, District Deputy Grand Master: Herman G. Carter, W. Master; John E. Flagler, S. Warden; Frank B. Whitfield, J. Warden; Peter J. Boscut, Treasurer; James H. Smith, Secretary; Edward M. L. Ehlers, S. Deacon; Alex. S. Van Nostrand, J. Deacon; Ebenezer J. Hyde, S. M. C.; Samuel Hockey, J. M. C.; Brainerd Howell, Marshal; Albert T. Merchant and George M. Dusenbury, Stewards; William H. Benjamin, Organist; Albert G. Dawes, Tiler; James R. Hathaway, William H. Taylor and James Bell, Guards. Before the installation ceremonies a lecture on "Lebanon" was delivered by the Master elect.

Miss JULIA COLMAN, of Brooklyn, will lecture in the Eighteenth-street M. E. Church, near Eighth-avenue, on Monday, Jan. 9, at 7½ P. M. Subject—"Intemperance Our Heritage," showing what we suffer because our ancestors have been intemperate ever since the Flood. On Wednesday evening next Miss COLMAN will deliver a lecture—"Alcohol Our Enemy"—in the Noble-street Presbyterian Church, at Greenpoint. She is a talented lady, and will, doubtless, interest all who may listen.

The annual general meeting of the Empire Club, Fortieth-street and Lexington-avenue, was held on Tuesday last, RANDOLPH GUGGENHEIMER presiding. There was a very large attendance, and the condition of the Club was declared to be very flattering. The following gentlemen were elected officers for the ensuing year: RANDOLPH GUGGENHEIMER, President; S. MELLER, Vice-President; Z. ROSENTHAL, Treasurer; M. J. WALDENHEIMER, Secretary. After the election the officers were only installed, and an elegant banquet, with toasts and speeches, followed.

Mr. C. H. FARRELL has brought an action in the First District Court, before Justice QUINN, against the Free Press Association, for the purpose of recovering $100, being two weeks' salary, which he claims is due to him as editor of the *Free Press*. He claims that he was employed in the early part of last Autumn for one year, at a salary of $50 per week, and that he was discharged without notice on the 12th of December. The case was tried yesterday, but no decision given.

The annual ball of Adams Express Employes Association was held last evening, in Irving Hall. The Association numbers over 100 members. Mr. THOMAS HUGHES is President, J. J. BARNETT, Treasurer, and DE WITT C. SHARDON, Secretary. The Committee of Arrangements consisted of Messrs. HANLEY, LEFFERTS, and HOOLE. Mr. HUGHES acted as floor manager, assisted by a committee of fourteen. Dancing commenced at 10 o'clock, and was kept up with great vivacity until after midnight. The affair was a very pleasant one.

PETER GARCIA, a native of France, aged sixty-three years, died at Bellevue Hospital, yesterday, from the effects of arsenic which he had swallowed the day before at No. 238 Sixth-avenue, with suicidal intent. The deceased, when admitted to the hospital, stated that he was too old and out of employment, so wished to die. Despite the efforts of the physicians, the poison proved fatal. GARCIA was a waiter by occupation, and well known in up-town saloons.

At the Academy of Music, the great zeal manifested by Mrs. ROOSEVELT, and her corps of officers and managers, is popularising the Lunatic's Ball of Tuesday evening next to a wonderful degree. Just now balls are all the talk, none more so than this in aid of the Homeopathic Asylum for the Insane. It is whispered about that the prince ALBERT won't be there, but that somebody else will. A surprise is expected.

Everybody is invited to attend the Union Mutual Devotional Singing Meetings held every Monday evening at 8 o'clock, in the venerable Old North Dutch Church, corner of Fulton and William streets. The object is to cultivate a taste for church singing. It is not only designed for readers of music, but for all who love to sing, and also for those who enjoy music.

Coroner YOUNG has postponed his inquest in the case of JOHN SMITH, the mutineer, who died of wounds inflicted by JOHN WEIGRT, mate of the ship *Shatmus*, until Tuesday next, as the witnesses are not at hand. The mate has been sent to the Tombs to await the result of the investigation.

The first lecture in the free course of scientific lectures for the people, at the Cooper Union, will take place in the Great Hall, this evening, at 8 P. M. The subject is "The Dynamics of Life," and the lecturer, Prof. E. L. Youmans.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Fair at the Armory, corner of Broadway and Sixth-avenue, closes to-night. A last opportunity is given today and to-night to contribute to the deserving cause, and doubtless a large assemblage will gather at the Armory.

The Franco-Irish Society, of Morrisania, a few days since gave a ball at Kirchhoff's Central Hall, in Melrose. The net proceeds of which, $45, were transmitted to the French Patriotic Aid Committee, in this City.

CHAS. SMITH, a street-lounger, was detected, yesterday, in stealing a roll of leather from the express wagon of EDWARD COOPER, as it stood in Fulton-street. Being arraigned before Justice DOWLING, the prisoner was held for trial.

BROOKLYN.

CYRUS P. DUNHAM brought suit in the Supreme Court, yesterday, against his daughter, Mrs. ANNIE M. VREDENBURGH, to recover his share of profits, amounting to $6,000, alleged to have been realized by work performed in partnership with her for the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company. The defendant resisted the claim on the ground of mismanagement by plaintiff, and denies that any such profits were realized. The decision is reserved.

About 6½ o'clock last night LIZZIE BAKER, a young lady eighteen years of age, residing at No. 56 Montrose-avenue, while coming from her work through McGibbon-street, near the corner of Ewen-street, was suddenly attacked by an unknown youth, and stabbed on the right cheek and left eye, the wounds being severely. The rascal escaped. This is the fifth case of a similar character that has happened in that section of the city within the past month, the perpetrator of which has thus far succeeded in evading the authorities. The Police are of opinion that they have all been committed by some one person labouring under a species of madness.

The trustees of Plymouth Church held a meeting on Thursday night, and resolved to raise the salary of the pastor, Mr. BEECHER, from $13,000 to $20,000 per annum. A resolution of a similar character was passed last year, but Mr. BEECHER refused to accept the advance; now, however, it is believed he will take the increase.

Superintendent LANE, of the Government Works at Fort Hamilton, was placed on trial yesterday, before Commissioner Winslow, charged with having appropriated a considerable quantity of hay and produce belonging to the Government to his own use. The examination will be resumed on Monday.

An attempt was made yesterday morning by four burglars to rob the furniture-store of HENRY WILSON, at the corner of Kent-avenue and Franklin-street, but their efforts were frustrated by the Police, who succeeded in capturing two of them, named HENRY BROWN and HENRY FRANKLIN.

There were 236 deaths in the city during the past week: 38 men, 63 women, 37 boys, and 78 girls. Of these, 9 were from small-pox, 31 from consumption, 7 from diseases of the brain, 26 from pneumonia, and only 6 from old age.

The Superintendents of the Poor have, they say, distributed $46,000 during the past three months among the out-door poor of the city.

The property owners along the line of Hicks, Henry, Montague, Jorralemon, Pierrepont, Livingston, Clinton and Atlantic streets protest against paying for the pavements recently put down upon those thoroughfares, on the ground that it was done against their wishes. Counsel has been engaged to contest the matter in the Courts.

NEW-JERSEY.

At the first regular meeting of the Newark Common Council, last night, JOHN MILLS was elected Special Police Justice. Justice MILLS was the old incumbent under the previous Republican Board. The office of Assistant Justice was declared vacant, and is will not be filled. The Mayor's vetoes on the ordinances directing that South Broad-street and Mount Pleasant-avenue be paved with Nicolson pavement were sustained.

The annual report of the Newark Fire Department contains the following interesting facts: The force now consists of 193 officers and men, and seven steam fire engines, four of which are first class, two second class, and one third class, two hook and ladder trucks, and one hand engine. During the past year there have been erected 113 hydrants, making the whole number now 226. The loss by fire during the year amounted to $276,098 53, on which there was insurance to the amount of $194,600 55.

The annual report of the Police Commissioners of Newark states that there are now on the force 126 officers and men. One-third of the patrolmen do day duty, and two-thirds night duty. With this force the city is but poorly protected, and the Commissioners ask for more men and more rooms for prisoners, both at Police lock-up and at the County Jail. They also ask for sub-stations in different sections of the city.

Two men, named BURKE and GRANIEN, in the employment of the American Coal Company, at the foot of Morris-street, Jersey City, were severely injured, yesterday, by the falling of a scaffold. The men were engaged in unloading a coal-boat, when the scaffold, giving way, they fell to the deck, BURKE breaking his collar bone, GRANIEN striking upon his head was taken up in an insensible condition. His injuries will probably prove fatal.

The supply of water for Jersey City is failing rapidly. It was calculated on Thursday that there would only be sufficient to last until Saturday night. The supply in the upper portions of the city has failed entirely, and two fire-engines have been sent to Belleville, to aid in keeping up the water as long as possible. The new stand-pipe to replace the one which fell a week ago cannot be put in position before the end of next week.

One hundred and fifteen destitute families were supplied with coal, and 199 families received out-door relief in Jersey City, yesterday.

ARMY AND NAVY RECORD.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Passed Assistant Surgeon D. McMurtrie is ordered to the Naval Academy. Assistant Surgeon Jerome Kidder is ordered to the Naval Hospital at New-York. Lieut. C. M. Anthony has been detached from the Idaho, and placed on waiting orders; Master Charles P. Hutchings, from the Adams, and placed on waiting orders; Passed Assistant Surgeon W. S. Bowen, from the Naval Hospital at Chelsea, Mass., and granted leave; Passed Assistant Surgeon Jesse Ellis, from the Naval Academy on the 16th inst., and ordered to the Boston Navy-yard; Passed Assistant Surgeon Wise'ow, from the Boston Navy-yard, and ordered to the Chelsea Navy Hospital.

FOREIGN MARKETS.

LONDON, Jan. 6—4½ P. M.—Consols closed at 92¾ for money and the account. American Securities closed firm; Five-twenty Bonds of the issue of 1862, 84¼; old issue, 84¼; 1867, 88¾; Ten-forties, 87¾. Stocks closed steady; Illinois Central Railway Shares, 114¾; Erie Railway Shares, 19¾; Atlantic and Great Western Shares, 33¼.

The report of the shipment of bullion to the Bank of England, just made public, shows the increase of specie in the vaults, since last weekly statement, to be £321,000.

LONDON, Jan. 6—4½ P. M.—United States Five-twenty Bonds, sold for the account of Sept. Erie Railway Shares, 19¾.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 6—4½ P. M.—COTTON—The market today opened at the following prices: Middling Uplands, 7 3-16d.; Middling Orleans, 7¾d.; sales, 10,000 bales, of which 1,000 bales were for export and speculation. BREADSTUFFS closed unchanged at the following prices: California, Wheat, 11s. 3d.; Red Western Spring Wheat, No. 2 to No. 1, 10s. 10@11s. 6d.; Red Winter, 11s. Western Flour, 24s. 6d.; Corn, No. 2 Mixed New, 31s. 6d.; Oats, 3s.; Barley, 5s.; Peas, 39s. PROVISIONS—Pork, 64s.; Cheese, 74s.; Bacon, 56s. for Cumberland Cut. PRODUCE unchanged.

LONDON, Jan. 6—4½ P. M.—SUGAR closed active for spot and to arrive, at following quotations: spot, No. 12, to arrive, 32s. 6d. LINSEED-OIL firmer at £29@£29 5s.

DOMESTIC MARKETS.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 6.—FLOUR quiet; sales, 300 bbls. at last quotations. WHEAT inactive; holders firm; quotations nominal. CORN dull; sales, 5,500 bushels new Corn at 65c. OATS dull; sales 2 cars Ohio at 53½c., to arrive. BARLEY steady; sales, 2,400 bushels State at 75c., on track. PEAS and BEANS neglected. PORK dull; 200 barrels mess, on track, at 16@16½c. HIGWINES lower; 100 bbls. sold at 85c. Dressed HOGS, two cars at $7 50. CATTLE—The receipts for the week amount to 424 car loads, against 320 in same day of last week. The market opened still further falling off in prices today. Considerable trade was done, however, at the decline, as holders offered really good stock ½c. to ¾c. lower than last week. The transactions of the week are as follows, comprise all local trade: 97 head Kentucky Steers, averaging 1,560 lbs., at 6½; 47 do., 1,270 lbs., at 6@6½; 40 do., 1,320 lbs., at 6@6½; 64 Indiana, 1,341 lbs., 61 do., 1,313 lbs., and 76 Illinois, 1,350 lbs., at 6@6½; 18 do., 1,194 lbs., at 6½; 18 do., 1,172 lbs., at 6@6½; 32 do., 1,236 lbs., at 6@6½; 18 do., 1,150 lbs., at 6@6½; 42 do., 1,136 lbs., at 6@6½; 34 Michigan, 1,159 lbs., at 6@6½; 15 Canada, 1,053 lbs., at 6½; 21 do., 1,100 lbs., at 6@6½; 22 do., 950 lbs., at 6@6½. SHEEP—Receipts light, but market quiet. The trade of the day, however, exceeded that of any day since the opening this week. Sales: 133 Canada Sheep, averaging 120 lbs., at 5c.; 100 do., 105 lbs., at 5½; 59 do., 110 lbs., at 5½; 80 Michigan, 95 lbs., at 5@5½; 15 Canada, 110 lbs., at 5½; 21 do., 110 lbs., at 5½; 22 do., 95 lbs., at 5@5½. SWINE